



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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March 19, 2024

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD – Virtual Participation Kimberly Barraza, Secretary Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, CPA, Interim CEO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer – Virtual Participation Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Will Dean, Director of Communications and Marketing Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President PerezGil led the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#24-12 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident, provided public comment concerning board members virtual participation.	
E. Information Community Forum on the Tenet Lease Negotiations		



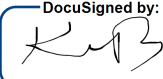
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<p>1. Presentation of current status of negotiations of proposal from Tenet for a new Lease and Option to Purchase – Chris Christensen, Interim CEO</p> <p>2. Public input and comments</p> <p>3. Board discussion</p>	<p>Director De Lara provided opening remarks, welcomed the public, thanked the community for attending the public forum—one of several throughout the Valley—and introduced Chris Christensen, Interim CEO.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen provided a presentation on the status of the lease negotiations with background details and a timeline of the District, Tenet’s proposal, and the benefits, challenges, and alternatives. between the District and Tenet Health.</p> <p>Public Comments: Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center Terilee Povall, Stroke Coordinator, JFK Memorial Hospital Isela Murillo, Marketing Director, Desert Care Network Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident Megan Barajas, Regional Vice President, Hospital Association of Southern California Jose Candelario, MD, Chief Resident, Family Medicine, Desert Regional Medical Center Camilo Neacato, Resident, Family Medicine Program, Desert Regional Medical Center Esperanza Santero, 30-Year Coachella Valley Resident</p>	
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	<p>Robin Boardman, Coachella Valley Resident</p> <p>Deborah Edwards, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Karen Faulis, CEO, JFK Memorial Hospital</p> <p>The Board thanked the community for attending, described JFK Memorial Hospital’s role with Desert Care Network and their investments in the hospital serving remote areas in the east, and Tenet’s commitment to the growing needs in the Eastern Coachella Valley, which requires more concrete details for the next 20–30 years as requested from the Board during the negotiations. The Board also discussed the district’s mission, the grant program's role in accessing healthcare services, seismic costs and taxing residents, limiting disruptions, and the complexities of the Board’s decision.</p>	
<p>F. Adjournment</p>	<p>President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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 Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer