



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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March 26, 2024**

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

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Director Shorr and Vice-President Zavala joining the meeting at 5:36 p.m.	
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.	#24-15 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Secretary Barraza, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Vice-President Zavala and Director Shorr
D. Public Comment	Public Comments Supporting Desert Regional Medical Center:	



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	<p>Sandra Aaronson, Respiratory Therapist, Desert Regional Medical Center Mike Ditoro, COO, Desert Regional Medical Center Jeff Hocker, President, Hocker Productions</p>	
<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. BOARD MINUTES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Board of Directors Meeting – February 27, 2024 2. FINANCIALS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of the February 2024 Financial Statements – F&A Approved March 13, 2024 3. AGREEMENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Temporary Employment Agreement – Chloe Vartanian, UC Berkeley Spring 2024 Graduate – 8 weeks commencing May 13, 2024 b. Consulting Services Agreement Extension – CV Strategies – \$25,000 Increase for Professional Services NTE 6 months 4. PERSONNEL <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Program Associate Job Description (PLACING AN AD) 5. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA (LPMP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Property Management/Maintenance Agreement Addendum #3 – INPRO Construction, Inc. – 3% increase from \$11,485/mo. to \$11,829/mo. – Effective 	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#24-16 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Barraza and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Director Shorr</p>



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<p align="center">May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025</p> <p>6. CEO DISCRETIONARY FUND</p> <p>a. Increase of \$15,000 (totaling \$65,000) through the end of fiscal year June 30, 2024</p>		
<p>F. Presentations</p> <p>1. Jeff Hocker, President & Executive Producer, Hocker Productions – Palm Springs Health Run and Wellness Festival Recap and \$3,000 Check Presentation to One Future Coachella Valley – Black & African American Healthcare Scholarship Fund</p> <p>2. Adam Problosky, President, Probolsky Research – Districtwide Voter Survey Results</p>	<p>Jeff Hocker, President, Hocker Productions, Executive Producer of the Palm Springs Health Run and Wellness Festival, provided an overview of this year’s festival, which expanded this year with a greater media presence, further detailing and presenting Sheila Thorton, President/CEO, One Future Coachella Valley, with a check for a \$3k grant to fund the Black and African American Healthcare Scholarships.</p> <p>Ms. Thorton thanked the District for sponsoring the event and the work of the team on the One Future Black and African American Healthcare alignment team spearheaded by Cristina Gregorio, who also thanked the District and provided an overview of the healthcare pipeline.</p> <p>Adam Problosky, President, Probolsky Research, provided a detailed presentation on the Districtwide voter survey results, including the key findings and demographics.</p>	



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	<p>The Board thanked Mr. Problosky and commented on the consistencies and inconsistencies of the survey data, concerns from the voters about the valley-wide quality of care, the underserved remote areas in the east, messaging strategies, and a ballot resolution for a measure based on the message.</p>	
<p>F. Reports</p> <p>1. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</p> <p>2. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting – President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zendle, MD</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, DRMC, DCN, provided an overview of her report describing events, operations, quality, service/events, capital & construction projects highlighting advance perinatal from the joint commission, the DAP Health 5-year \$500k commitment, the one-year celebration as a trauma 1 level hospital, and the upcoming elevator replacement commencement at the end of Q3.</p> <p>Director Zendle, MD, described the most recent Governing Board meeting, highlighting the presentations from Scott Morey, RN, Chief Nursing Officer, and Sam Roth, Tenet Healthcare Director of Government Relations, including the February report from Jim Fisher, CEO. Director Zendle provided a brief overview of the residency program</p>	



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<p align="center">c. CEO Engagements and District Media Visibility</p> <p align="center">4. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</p>	<p>translation of the presentations available at the meetings, and contacting the Chambers of Commerce.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen provided an overview of his CEO engagements highlighting the One Future Coachella Valley 7th Annual The Future Is Ours Awards Celebration and Fundraiser with a District Sponsorship, also emphasizing the community forums media exposure.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided an update on seismic legislation of AB 869 and SB 1432. The Board inquired about participating in the lobbyist consultant meetings with Deveau Burr Group.</p>	
<p>G. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Program Committee Meeting</p> <p align="center">a. The Program Committee did not convene in March.</p> <p>I.1.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, and Real Estate Committee</p> <p align="center">a. Draft Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2024</p>	<p>The Program Committee did not convene in March.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the March 13, F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p>H. Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Director Rogers provided an update on the Lift to Rise Catalyst Fund's forthcoming funding cuts, the Palm Springs Navigation Center Grand</p>	



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	Opening, and additional updates on the DPMG Health Mobile Unit in Desert Hot Springs and Palm Springs.	
I. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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ATTEST: _____

Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors
Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer