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	<p>applying to Director Shorr's remote participation due to an illness.</p> <p>Director Shorr left the meeting at 8:59 p.m.</p>	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President PerezGil led the pledge of allegiance.	
<b>C. Report After Closed Session</b>	Counsel Scott reported after the closed session that the Board discussed the CEO recruitment and took no action.	
<b>D. Approval of Agenda</b>	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<p><b>#24-33 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b></p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p> <p><b>ABSENT – 2 Vice-President Zavala and Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<b>E. Public Comment</b>	Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident, described his concerns with the virtual committee meetings.	
<p><b>F. Consent Agenda</b></p> <p><b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b></p> <p><b>a. Special Meeting of the Board – April 02, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Special Meeting of the Board – April 12, 2024</b></p> <p><b>c. Special Meeting of the Board – April 13, 2024</b></p> <p><b>d. Special Meeting of the Board – April 16, 2024</b></p> <p><b>e. Special Meeting of the Board – April 30, 2024</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Public Comment: Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident, described the inaccurate Board meeting minutes of the April 30 special meeting and closed session. Counsel Scott described the</p>	<p><b>#24-34 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b></p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p>



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<p><b>f. Board of Directors Meeting – April 23, 2024</b></p> <p><b>2. FINANCIALS</b></p> <p><b>a. March and April 2024 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved May 15, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Increase FY23-24 Grant Budget from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000</b></p> <p><b>c. FY2024-2025 Annual Budget</b></p> <p><b>3. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING</b></p> <p><b>a. Memorandum of Understanding for Operational Support between the District &amp; Foundation – \$750,0000</b></p>	<p>abrupt closed session and revising the minutes for approval at the June meeting.</p> <p>Public Comment: Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident, provided public comment on item F.2.b. concerning the grant budget increase.</p> <p>Director De Lara motioned to reposition item J.3.d. after the consent agenda to accommodate LAFCO commission candidate Bruce Underwood’s public comment.</p>	<p><b>ABSENT – 2 Vice-President Zavala and Secretary Barraza</b></p> <p><b>#24-35 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Vice-President Zavala to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b></p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p> <p><b>ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<p><b>G. Strategic Grant Funding</b></p> <p><b>1. Grant #1460 ABC Recovery Center: Nursing Care and Prescription Medications: \$150,134 – Strategic Plan Goal 2/Strategy 2.7</b></p> <p><b>2. Grant #1462 HARC: 2025 Coachella Valley Community Health Survey: \$66,240 for two-year period – review and</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning Grant #1460 ABC Recovery Center: Nursing Care and Prescription Medications: \$150,134.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, provided background on HARC’s grant request and clarified that the \$66,240 is</p>	<p><b>#24-36 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve Grant #1460 ABC Recovery Center: Nursing Care and Prescription Medications: \$150,134. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b></p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p> <p><b>ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p> <p><b>#24-37 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zendle to approve moving forward Grant #1462</b></p>



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<p><b>provide direction for moving forward – request is not aligned with the board-approved high priority strategic plan goals.</b></p>	<p>related to gift cards, not the survey, which doesn't align with the strategic plan and the Board's determination to move forward the request as a vendor agreement.</p> <p>Public Comments: Blaz Guitterez, Treasurer, HARC, Board of Directors Jenna LeComte-Hinely, PhD, Chief Executive Officer, HARC</p> <p>The Board discussed concerns about the gift cards and determining a way to support the work of the survey without the gift cards.</p> <p>Director De Lara motioned to move forward the grant to the Program Committee as a vendor agreement for the standard grant process.</p>	<p><b>HARC: 2025 Coachella Valley Community Health Survey: \$66,240 for a two-year period, as a vendor agreement to the Program Committee for the standard grant process. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<p><b>H. Reassuming Operational Responsibilities of Desert Regional Medical Center</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Gibbins Advisors – Presentation of Report on Reassuming Operational Responsibilities of Desert Regional Medical Center</b></li> <li><b>2. Public Comments on Gibbins Advisors Report</b></li> <li><b>3. Board Member Comments</b></li> </ol>	<p>Clare Moylan and Ron Winters, Principals, Gibbins Advisors, LLC, provided an overview of their services and the report on resuming operational responsibilities of Desert Regional Medical Center.</p> <p>Public Comments: Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert Resident Chip Lyman, Creative Charitable Funding, Inc.</p>	



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	<p>Kimohl, RN, St. Mary’s Hospital, Tucson, AZ</p> <p>The Board thanked Ms. Moylan and Mr. Winters and inquired about the District S&amp;P credit rating, which the district doesn’t have for loans, and the challenges of being unratable at day 1 to access the bond market, requiring capital and a track record through operations, including using the receivables as collateral, as described by consultant Steve Hollis.</p>	
<p><b>I. Hospital Lease Negotiations</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Introduction by Steve Hollis, Consultant, and Revised Proposal Presentation by Mike Maloney, Executive Vice-President of Corporate Development, Tenet Healthcare</b></li> <li><b>2. Public Comments on Revised Tenet Proposal</b></li> <li><b>3. Board Member Comments, Discussion, and Direction</b></li> </ol>	<p>Steve Hollis, Consultant, provided an overview of the background on the hospital lease and the Board’s consideration of progressing to the next phase of the terms with the development of legal agreements for the transaction.</p> <p>Mike Maloney, Executive Vice-President of Corporate Development, Tenet Healthcare, provided a summary of the amended proposal, the economic terms, lease timeline, provisions, and the community benefits, including the advantages of the continued partnership.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p>	



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	<p>Karen Moran, Director of 4-Sinatra, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Danielle Stiff, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Carl Taussig-Eilman, Clinical Manager, ICU, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Patricia Roberts, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Liz Hurt, RN, St. Mary's Hospital, Tuson, AZ</p> <p>Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident</p> <p>Luke Holiday, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Brett Klein, Clinics Marketing Specialist, Eisenhower Health, read a statement from President and CEO, Martin Massiello, concerning the hospital lease non-compete clause</p> <p>James Kelley, Chief HR Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Karen Borja, Indio Resident</p> <p>Isaiah Hagerman, City Manager, Rancho Mirage, provided comments on the non-compete provision to taxpayer funds</p> <p>Amir Lavaf, MD, Chair Governing Board, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Stephanie Salter, RN</p> <p>Mitch Blumberg, Former Governing Board Chair of Desert Regional Medical Center</p>	
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	<p>Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert Resident</p> <p>Christine Lagenwalter, RN, Chief Quality Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Todd Burke, Vice-President of Communications at Visit Greater Palm Springs, provided comments on behalf of Scott White, President and CEO of Visit Greater Palm Springs and Vice-Chairman of the Governing Board at Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Gary Gardner, Desert Hot Springs Resident and Councilmember</p> <p>Sylvia Baron, Bermuda Dunes Resident</p> <p>Denise Perez, 26-year Desert Regional Medical Center employee</p> <p>Amber Wiehl, CNA, Board of Directors, Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Aaron Willits, Tenet Employee, Doctors Medical Center, Modesto, CA</p> <p>Kimohl, RN, St. Mary's Hospital, Tucson, AZ</p> <p>Chandra, RN, Doctors Medical Center, Modesto, CA</p> <p>Bob Mera, early 90's, former CEO, Desert Healthcare District</p> <p>Peter Rysin, Desert Hot Springs Resident</p> <p>The Board adjourned for a break at 8 p.m.</p>	
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	<p>The Board reconvened at 8:14 p.m.</p> <p>Director Rogers read a letter describing the background and the terms of the 30-year hospital lease to approve the term sheet and create a new hospital lease agreement for inclusion on the July Board meeting agenda and submission on the November ballot.</p> <p>All directors thanked the board, including the hospital lease ad hoc committee and staff, with concerns about the non-compete clause, the complex issues, reassurance moving forward, the hurdles in proposing the lease to the community, equity, access, and the safety net for the community.</p> <p>Director Rogers motioned to direct staff to compose a lease agreement accompanied by the terms of the lease agreement.</p>	<p><b>#24-38 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Shorr to compose a lease agreement accompanied by the terms of the lease agreement. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<p><b>J. Reports</b></p> <p><b>1. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</b></p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center, described the events, operations, quality,</p>	





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	<p>service/events, capital and construction projects highlighting the conclusion of the SEIU 3-year contract, the joint commission review with a fully accredited hospital, and the upcoming celebration of the advancement as a perinatal facility, the only one in the Inland Empire and 1 of 32 throughout the nation.</p> <p>The Board inquired about the current and future resident pool, with Director Zendle, member of the Governing Board, describing Dr. Gemma Kim’s report outlining the current residents/fellows in their respective fields.</p>	
<p><b>2. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting – President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zendle, MD</b></p>	<p>Director Zendle provided an overview of the most recent Governing Board meeting highlighting the graduate medical education annual report, credentialing and privileging of medical and allied professional staff, peer review by the Medical Executive Committee, the quality report, the April financial report, policies and procedures review, and the 2023 Governing Board Self-Evaluation results.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p><b>3. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, Interim CEO</b></p>		



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<p><b>a. Desert Physicians Medical Group (DPMG) Mobile Medical Trailer Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen described the DPMG Health mobile medical trailer ribbon-cutting ceremony and the open house for the clinical space and pharmacy services for both medical mobile units.</p>	
<p><b>b. Environmental Health Initiative Data Walk – June 4</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen described the upcoming June 4 Environmental Health Initiative Data Walk to drive the initiative for release in September at the Environmental Health Summit.</p>	
<p><b>c. Palm Springs Wellness Park 10-Year Lease Renewal (Parkland Lease Agreement)</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen provided background on the Wellness Park/Parkland 10-year lease agreement renewal with the City of Palm Springs to continue its maintenance of the park.</p> <p>The Board inquired about new signage displaying the District’s name, which staff will replace once the lease is renewed.</p>	<p><b>#24-39 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the Palm Springs Wellness Park 10-Year Lease Renewal (Parkland Lease Agreement). Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<p><b>d. 2024 Local Area Formation Commission Special District Selection Committee Ballot Run-Off</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen described the 2024 LAFCO special district selection committee ballot run-off for two candidates with a July 2 submission deadline for President PerezGil’s consideration and vote.</p>	



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<p align="center"><b>e. CEO Engagements and District Media Visibility</b></p> <p><b>4. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</b></p>	<p>Public Comment: Bruce Underwood, LAFCO commission candidate, described the run-off election special rules and provided a copy of his candidate statement to the Board requesting their vote.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments about Mr. Christensen’s CEO engagements and media visibility.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments about Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel’s update on SB 1432 (Caballero) and AB 869 (Wood).</p>	
<p><b>K. Committee Meetings –</b></p> <p><b>K.1. Program Committee Meeting</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Progress and Final Reports Update</b></p> <p><b>c. Grant Applications Status Report</b></p> <p><b>d. Grant Payment Schedule</b></p> <p><b>K.1.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, and Real Estate Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – May 15, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Service Contract – Hocker Productions – Environmental Health Summit – NTE \$40,000</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired with the Board concerning any questions about items a. – d. of the Program Committee meeting.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning items a. – c. of the F&amp;A Committee meeting.</p>	



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<p><b>c. Q4 2023 and Q1 2024 District and Retirement Protection Plan Portfolio Investments – Highmark Capital (Q4 2023) and PFM Asset Management (Q1 2024)</b></p>	<p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p><b>L. Old Business</b></p> <p><b>1. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Link Project Q1 2024 Report</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Link Project Q1 2024 report.</p> <p>The Board inquired if the project would be complete by December 2024, which will be illustrated in the next report.</p>	
<p><b>M. New Business – Personnel</b></p> <p><b>1. Consideration to approve the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the Chief Executive Officer employment agreement.</p> <p>Public Comments: Peter Young, prior CFO, Desert Healthcare District Will Grimm, MD, prior Desert Healthcare District Board member, and Mr. Christensen’s personal physician Karen Borja, prior Board President, Desert Healthcare District Harry Slack, IT Consultant, Desert Healthcare District</p>	<p><b>#24-40 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement. Motion passed 5-1. AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, and Director Rogers NOES – 1 Director De Lara ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>



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	<p>Brett Klein, Clinics Marketing Specialist, Eisenhower Health</p> <p>Tae Kim, MD, Director of the Family Medicine Residency Program, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Chris Christensen thanked the Board for their support during the recruitment process, his tenure as interim CEO, the communities support, and he looks forward to the successful years ahead.</p>	
<p><b>N. Board Member Comments</b></p>	<p>Director Rogers described the email concerning the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee and the Lift to Rise May meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Gemma Kim invited the Board and Staff to the June 14 Residency Graduates Program at the Palm Springs Air Museum.</p> <p>The Board Relations Officer read an overview from Secretary Barraza’s California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Legislative Day attendance in Sacramento.</p>	
<p><b>O. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 9:04 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at</b> <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></p>

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*Donna Craig*

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Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer  
Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

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