



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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October 22, 2024**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Secretary Kimberly Barraza Director Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, CPA, Chief Executive Officer Eric Taylor, CPA, Chief Administration Officer 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	

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.	
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. Director Zendle motioned to remove item G.2. from the agenda, as the Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board meets following the Board Meeting on October 24.	#24-65 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda removing item G.2. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	The Board Relations Officer read a letter from Stephanie Salter, RN, attached to the meeting minutes.	



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<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 – September 30, 2024 2. FINANCIALS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. September 2024 Financial Statements – F&A Approved October 09, 2024 3. AGREEMENTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Consulting Services Agreement – Deveau Burr Group, LLC – Addendum #1 – Cost Decrease from \$9,500 to \$4,500 per month and a revised term of November 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025 b. Consulting Services Agreement – NPO Centric – Addendum #4 – Extending the term to February 28, 2025, and increasing the cost NTE \$12,000 	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director De Lara pulled item 3.b. from the consent agenda, recused herself from the vote, and motioned to move the remaining consent agenda items forward.</p>	<p>#24-66 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda without item 3.b. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#24-67 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve item 3.b. – Consulting Services Agreement – NPO Centric – Addendum #4 – Extending the term to February 28, 2025, and increasing the cost NTE \$12,000 Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, and Director Zendle</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>RECUSAL – 1 Director De Lara</p>
<p>F. Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bin Zeng, Principle, Moss Levy & Hartzheim, Presentation of the FY 2024 Audit Reports – District & Retirement Protection Plan (RPP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Management Letter, Communication Letter, Internal Controls Report – b. District Audit Report c. RPP Audit Report 	<p>Bin Zeng, Principle, Moss Levy & Hartzheim, provided an overview of the audited financials answering questions of the board, with Chris Christensen, CEO, detailing an additional summary to the board.</p>	<p>#24-68 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the FY 2024 District and Retirement Protection Plan Audit Reports. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p>



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<p>d. Foundation Audit Report – Consideration for Approval During the Foundation Board of Directors Meeting</p>		<p>NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>G. Reports</p>		
<p>1. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO of Desert Regional Medical Center and the Desert Care Network, highlighted several updates, including the stroke programs reaccreditation, the Comprehensive Cancer Center review completion with excellent results, the minimum wage law for healthcare workers is effective at \$23 per hour, and a progress update on the cardiothoracic surgery program.</p>	
<p>2. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting – October 24 – President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zandle, MD</p>	<p>The governing board item was removed from the agenda as it does not meet until October 24.</p>	
<p>3. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, CEO</p> <p>a. Hospital Lease Purchase Agreement Fact Sheet & Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – English & Spanish Descriptions</p>	<p>At last month’s meeting, Chris Christensen, CEO described the board’s request for the fact sheet and FAQ regarding the lease purchase agreement, which has been published on the website in both English and Spanish.</p>	



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<p>I. New Business</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Ordinance 24-01– 5% Increase to the Director’s monthly meeting stipend from \$115.76 to \$121.55 effective January 01, 2025</p> <p>2. Consideration to approve Resolution 24-04 – 5% Increase to the Director’s monthly meeting stipend from \$115.76 to \$121.55 effective January 01, 2025</p>	<p>Mr. Christensen provided an overview of the 5% increase to the directors’ stipends effective January 01, 2025.</p> <p>Public Comment: Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert, Resident</p> <p>Mr. Christesen described the resolution to accompany the 5% increase to the directors’ stipends for up to 6 meetings.</p>	<p>#24-69 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Ordinance 24-01– 5% Increase to the Director’s monthly meeting stipend from \$115.76 to \$121.55 effective January 01, 2025. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#24-70 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Rogers to approve Resolution 24-04 – 5% Increase to the Director’s monthly meeting stipend from \$115.76 to \$121.55 effective January 01, 2025. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>J. Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Director Zendle asked for the board's consensus on having staff prepare items to discuss potential actions related to the November agenda regarding freezing the grant budget depending on the outcome of Measure AA. After a board discussion, a consensus on the next steps is to convene a study session</p>	



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	after the election on November 5th.	
L. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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

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