



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2025

Directors Present

District Staff Present

Absent

President Carole Rogers, RN Vice-President Greg Rodriguez Secretary Kimberly Barraza Director Dan Logsdon, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Evett PerezGil	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	Director Arthur Shorr
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A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call –
Director PerezGil
Director Shorr
Director De Lara
Director Logsdon, MD
Secretary Barraza

Vice-President Rodriguez

President Rogers, RN

President Rogers called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.,
with all directors present except Director Shorr.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Rogers led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Any item on the agenda may result in Board Action

President Rogers asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by: Evett PerezGil


Seconded by: Leticia De Lara

Yes Carole Rogers, RN, Leticia De Lara, Evett
PerezGil, Kimberly Barraza, Daniel Logsdon,
MD, and Greg Rodriguez

Carried 6-0

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items not listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. **The Board has a policy of limiting speakers to no more than three minutes.** The Board cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on agenda items when they come up for discussion and/or action.

1. [The Board Relations Officer read aloud comments from Brad Anderson, a resident of Rancho Mirage, which are attached to the minutes.](#) 

E. BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION

1. Overview and Discussion of the Organization and Policies –
[Organizational Chart](#) , Role of the Chief Executive Officer,
[Mission & Vision Statements](#) , [Bylaws 2021-2026](#) ,
[Strategic Plan](#) , and Policies and Procedures ([BOD-02](#) ,
[BOD-10](#) , [BOD-13](#) , [BOD-18](#) , and [BOD-21](#)) –
presented by Chris Christensen, CPA, Chief Executive Officer –
30 minutes

Chris Christensen, the CEO, provided a comprehensive overview and presentation of the organization and its policies. Mr. Christensen commenced with a discussion about the District board member orientation and addressed questions from the Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of a rotation process for the position of Board President. The matter will be referred to the Policies Committee for further discussion.

2. Overview and Discussion of Legal and Lease Agreements – the
[Brown Act](#) , Health & Safety Code, Fair Political Practices
Issues, [BOD-15 Conflict of Interest Code](#) , [AB 2019 –](#)
[Section 32139](#) , and the [1997](#) and [2027](#) lease
agreements – presented by Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Legal
Counsel – 45 minutes

Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided an overview and presentation of the legal and lease agreements, beginning with the Brown Act and addressed questions from the Board.

The Board discussed establishing a physical location for the committee meetings starting in February.

3. Overview and Discussion of the Grants & RFPs – Chief
Program Officer Role, [Policy OP-5](#) – Grants and Mini-
Grants, AB 2019, Audited Financial Assistance for Grantees,

Results Based Accountability (RBA), Capacity Assistance through NPO Centric, the Grants Management System (Foundant), the Grant Application Process, Social Services Fund, Wellness Park naming opportunities, Initiatives and Grants History, and Request for Proposals – presented by Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer – 20 minutes

Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, presented an overview and packet of the grants and RFPs. Ms. Craig highlighted her role, the grant-making process, further elaborated on AB 2019, and described the standard email to potential grantees.

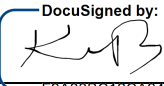
The Board discussed the limitations of AB 2019 and considered the possibility of working with the Deveau Burr Group to amend the legislation.

F. RECAP AND COMMENTS

Mr. Christensen, CEO, reminded the Board of the January 22 continuation of the orientation at the Palm Springs office.

G. ADJOURNMENT

President Rogers adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm

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

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