



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
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**April 24, 2018**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President, Les Zendle, MD Vice-President/Secretary, Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer, Mark Matthews Director, Jennifer Wortham, DrPH	Herb K. Schultz, CEO Lisa Houston, COO Chris Christensen, CFO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Director, Kay Hazen

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with Director Hazen absent.	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President Zendle led the Pledge of Alliance.	
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	President Zendle called for public comment. No public comment.	
<b>D. Approval of Agenda</b>	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#18-55 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Wortham to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously 4-0</b> <b>AYES 4 – Director Wortham, Director Matthews, Vice-President Rogers, President Zendle</b> <b>NOES 0</b>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.	
<b>E. Public Hearing – Composition of new District Boundaries</b>	Herb K. Schultz, CEO, opened the Public Hearing with an overview of the Desert Healthcare District/Foundation and the Three-Year Strategic Plan. President Zendle introduced Justin Levitt, Ph.D., Vice President, National Demographics Corporation. Dr.	



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	<p>Levitt described the Election Systems, Project Timeline, Traditional Districting Criteria, Demographic Summary, Percent of Eligible Latino Voting Population, Native American Reservations, and Defining Communities of Interest. Dr. Levitt also provided the opportunity for discussion and questions from the public. Public participation kits will be posted in the coming week to the District’s website.</p>	
<p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>Rick Mesa, La Quinta Resident, stated that the roads and highways on the north side near the cove have a different population with different demographics and unique needs.</p> <p>Steve Brown, Councilmember Coachella, and Special Assistant to Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, inquired on the process for the May 8 and June 19 meetings for the public’s review of the maps and if an advisory committee for the maps will be created.</p> <p>Alexis Ortega, Palm Springs Resident, inquired on the definition of eligible voters.</p> <p>Alec Cabala, Cathedral City Resident, described Cathedral City’s challenges with engaging the public contentions during their redistricting process. Mr. Cabala suggested that the District ensures the experts draw out districts in advance to use as</p>	



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	<p>guides and provide a template for the public at the onset.</p> <p>Jon Aguilar, Cathedral City Resident, explained that Cathedral City advised the public that instead of using a complicated map online they utilized bubble maps.</p> <p>Chantel Schuering, Palm Springs Resident, inquired if voters approve the local District expansion, will the District have to undertake the entire process again.</p> <p>Alexis Ortega, Palms Springs Resident, shared that the creation of districts will provide for the capability of electing multiple Latinos instead of one district with a high concentration; unincorporated areas versus non-incorporated in another portion when determining to redistrict.</p> <p>Karen Borja, Planned Parenthood, explained that the patients are within the District boundaries and described amenities such as transportation access in some cities as opposed to others.</p> <p>Steve Brown, Councilmember Coachella, and Special Assistant to Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, inquired on the outreach for the maps online to ensure that communities are aware.</p>	
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	Naomi Soto, Palm Springs Resident, inquired on the two open Board seats and how the seats are determined.	
<b>F. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>F.1. Board Minutes</b> <b>F.1.a. Special Meeting of the Board of March 27, 2018</b> <b>F.1.b. Board of Directors Meeting of March 27, 2018</b> <b>F.1.c. Special Meeting of April 3, 2018</b> <b>F.2. Finance and Administration</b>	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.	<b>#18-56 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rogers and seconded by Director Wortham to approve the consent agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously 4-0</b> <b>AYES 4 – Director Wortham, Director Matthews, Vice-President Rogers, President Zendle</b> <b>NOES 0</b>
<b>G. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</b>	Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained that the District is in the final stages of hiring the three open positions – Communications and Marketing Director, Community Health Analyst, and Health Analyst positions.	
<b>H. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</b>	Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC) described two citations from the Department of Public Health that resulted in a fine for 2015 with the hospital ensuring the appropriate corrections. Ms. Finney explained that DRMC received an upgraded Leapfrog score of a B on the current scoring cycle, also detailing the various upgrades at the hospital. The Chief Operating Officer and Chief Medical Officer are now on board with the Director of Communications commencing his role on May 9. Aspects of the new Safety Officer’s functions were also outlined.	



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<p><b>I. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board of Directors Report</b></p>	<p>Vice-President Rogers explained the most recent activity and progress reports of Desert Regional Medical Center’s Governing Board of Directors such as CMS 1-star ratings, quality control, and safety, for instance, decreasing rates of infection in skilled-nursing facilities.</p>	
<p><b>J. District Expansion Initiative</b></p> <p><b>J.1. Amendment No. 5 to 1997 Lease Agreement between Desert Healthcare District and Tenet</b></p>	<p>Director Wortham indicated that she was recusing herself on the advice of the General Counsel to avoid any actual or any appearance of a potential conflict.</p> <p>Herb K. Schultz, CEO, described the 5-0 passage of the Board of Supervisors decision to move forward the resolution to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for consideration of the District Expansion at the April 26 LAFCO Hearing contingent on an Amendment to the lease between the District and Tenet.</p> <p>Director Matthews explained that he supports the expansion, but he will not support the Amendment to the lease given that the current resident's portion of the property tax is allocated to the District and will not be included in the new expansion area. The new expansion area will receive the benefit based on what the District provides at no cost. Director Matthews also outlined</p>	<p><b>#18-57 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rogers and seconded by President Zendle to approve Amendment No.5 to 1997 Lease Agreement between Desert Healthcare District and Tenet. Motion passed 2-1-1</b></p> <p><b>AYES – President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers</b></p> <p><b>NOES – Director Matthews</b></p> <p><b>RECUSAL – Director Wortham</b></p>



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<p><b>J.2. Report on the Status of the District's LAFCO Application</b></p> <p><b>J.3. City Council Presentations</b></p>	<p>the non-compete clause in the lease allowing for new facilities in the east, but the existing territory does not allow for new construction.</p> <p>President Zendle explained that he would support the motion and will be speaking before LAFCO at the April 26 Hearing in support of the application describing the Board's financial commitment that does not include taxpayer monies from the west or the hospital reserve fund.</p> <p>Vice-President Rogers explained her reason for supporting the Amendment to the lease describing the programs the District supports for the underserved, and the Board's determination to find additional funding for the expansion.</p> <p>Herb K. Schultz, CEO, described the work with LAFCO over the past year and a half and the upcoming LAFCO Hearing on April 26 explaining that there are currently no conditions to the application.</p> <p>Herb K. Schultz, CEO, outlined the formal presentations at City Council meetings to educate and explain the expansion and its effects on their areas.</p>	
<p><b>K. Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>K.1. Finance, Administration, Real Estate and Legal Committee</b></p>		



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<p><b>K.1.a.-c. (a) Draft Minutes of April 10, 2018; (b) CFO Report &amp; Las Palmas Leasing Update; (c) Highmark Capital Management Administrative Documents</b></p> <p><b>K.2.a. Hospital Governance and Oversight Committee</b></p> <p><b>K.3. New Providers, Facilities, Programs, and Services</b></p>	<p>Director Matthews explained the draft minutes of the April meeting, the CFO Report, Las Palmas Leasing update, and the High Mark Capital Management Administrative Documents.</p> <p>Vice-President Rogers requested that the District review and evaluate a variety of competitive financial companies next year.</p> <p>Vice President Rogers explained that no meeting was held in April and the next scheduled meeting is on May 8.</p> <p>President Zendle explained the seismic study at Desert Regional Medical Center that will provide a more in depth seismic assessment related to structural costs.</p>	<p><b>#18-58 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Director Wortham to approve Highmark Capital Management Administrative Documents. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 AYES 4 – Director Wortham, Director Matthews, Vice-President Rogers, President Zendle NOES 0</b></p>
<p><b>L. Resources and Philanthropy</b></p> <p><b>L.1. Grant #926 Ranch Recovery Centers consideration to amend the grant and increase the amount from \$27,969 to \$46,813 to finalize the emergency generator project.</b></p>	<p>Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer, provided an overview of the Ranch Recovery Center's consideration of the grant amendment to increase the amount for an emergency generator project</p>	<p><b>#18-59 MOTION WAS MADE by President Zendle and seconded by Director Matthews to approve Grant #926 Ranch Recovery Centers – consideration to amend the grant and increase the amount from \$27,969 to \$46,813 to finalize the emergency generator project. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 AYES 4 – Director Wortham, Director Matthews, Vice-President Rogers, President Zendle NOES 0</b></p>
<p><b>M. Old Business</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>N. New Business</b></p>		
<p><b>N.1. Consideration to approve Grant #965 from Desert</b></p>	<p>Lisa Houston, COO, described the Board's approval of</p>	<p><b>#18-60 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rogers and seconded by</b></p>



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<p><b>Healthcare District to Desert Healthcare Foundation for Board's previously authorized \$2,000,000 Behavioral Health Collective Fund/Initiative.</b></p>	<p>\$2,000,000 from the District to the Foundation for the Behavioral Health Initiative – similar to the West Valley Homelessness Initiative.</p>	<p><b>Vice-President Zendle to approve Grant #965 from Desert Healthcare District to Desert Healthcare Foundation for Board's previously authorized \$2,000,000 Behavioral Health Collective Fund/Initiative. Motion passed unanimously 4-0 AYES 4 – Director Wortham, Director Matthews, Vice-President Rogers, President Zendle NOES 0</b></p>
<p><b>O. Legal Comments &amp; Reports</b></p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel distributed documents on AB 2019 that covers many aspects of health care district's such as a plan for distributing grant funds for each fiscal year and a process for providing, accepting, and reviewing grant applications on the district's website.</p>	
<p><b>P. Director's Comments &amp; Reports</b></p>	<p>None</p>	
<p><b>Q. Additional Comments from Public Concerning Composition of New District Boundaries</b></p>	<p>No additional comments concerning the composition of the new district boundaries.</p>	
<p><b>R. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Alec Cabala, Cathedral City Resident, inquired on the 2015 Desert Regional Medical Center findings of the hospital and what steps were taken for corrective measures. Mr. Cabala explained that upgrading from a letter C to a letter B Leapfrog score is not impressive as a letter A rating would be a more comfortable grade for patients utilizing the hospital. Mr. Cabala concluded that as a member of the community he relies on Desert Regional Medical Center for his health and wellbeing.</p>	





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<b>S. Adjournment</b>	President Zendle adjourned the meeting at 7:28p.m.	<i>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors">http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors</a></i>
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ATTEST:   
Carole Rogers, Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board*