



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**September 25, 2018**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Zendle, MD Vice-President/Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Kay Hazen Director Jennifer Wortham, DrPH	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, CFO Lisa Houston, COO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director Stephen Huyck, Accounting Manager Meghan Kane, Community Health Analyst Annalisa Wurm, Health Policy Analyst Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Vanessa Smith, Health Educator

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present except for Director Matthews. Director Matthews arrived at 4:07 p.m.	
<b>C. Approval of Agenda</b>	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#18-98 MOTION WAS MADE by President Zendle and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.</b>
<b>D. Public Comment</b>	None	
<b>E. Convene to Closed Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECERTS pursuant to Health &amp; Safety Code 32106 – concerning proposed new facilities, programs, and services. (Discussion only, no action will be taken). Estimated</b>		



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<p><b>dated of public disclosure: March 2019.</b></p>		
<p><b>F. Reconvene to Open Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors</b></p>		
<p><b>G. Report After Closed Session</b></p>	<p>The Board in closed session discussed potential providers, facilities, programs, and services in the context of an expanded District and took no action.</p>	
<p><b>H. Public Forum</b> <b>1. Desert Healthcare District Education Forum on Expansion in the Eastern Coachella Valley</b></p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, gave a presentation on Measure BB – the proposed expansion outlining the District’s mission and vision, grant funding, the three-year strategic plan and priorities, healthcare disparities, significant issues affecting the Coachella Valley, the annexation/expansion timeline, and a map of the proposed area.</p> <p><b>Public Comments</b> Steve Brown, City Councilmember, City Coachella, explained that the City of Coachella appreciates the work of the Board to move the Measure to the ballot. The city will provide a resolution of support for the measure. Linda Evans, Mayor, City of La Quinta also confirmed the city will provide a resolution of support.</p> <p>Leticia Delara, CEO, Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation, explained that RAP is appreciative of the Board, Staff, and the District and described the letter of support RAP Foundation provided during the process, and once again thanked the Board.</p>	



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	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center, Desert Care Network, provided a letter of support to the District. Mrs. Finney read the letter indicating Tenet's support of the expansion early on to connect residents to programs and services in the expanded boundaries. (See attached letter of support).</p> <p>Councilmember Shelley Kaplan inquired on the population in the current district versus the proposed expanded area. Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, explained that the current boundary population is 200,000 and the expanded boundary population would be 240,000 – 1,760 square miles.</p> <p>Ezra Kaufman, District Resident, inquired on the District's Fact Sheet insert in the Strategic Plan's 2017-2020 brochure that states <i>the residents voted to lease to the hospital to for-profit Tenet Healthcare</i>. Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained that the District residents did not vote to lease the hospital to Tenet, it was determined that the language is incorrect, and Mr. Christensen stated that Staff would make the appropriate correction. Mr. Kaufman asked Mr. Christensen to elaborate on the history and the extent of the robust lease compliance process with Tenet to ensure transparency for the public. President Zendle explained that the Tenet lease is not the current topic of the public forum and Mr. Kaufman is welcome to inquire during the 6 p.m. Board of Directors meeting.</p>	
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	<p>Mr. Kaufman explained that he believes the expansion is about capturing 100% of parcels to pay for the fact that the district only has approximately \$33M at its disposal to rebuild facilities. Further, Mr. Kaufman explained that according to the Riverside County Assessor, the District would raise \$9M at \$100 per parcel tax in the expanded area. The current boundaries have the same valuation with \$100 per parcel tax, which equates to \$18M per year. If the District is not expanded the parcel tax revenue is approx. \$9M per year. Mr. Kaufman explained that the District should be not be researching lease revenue to pay for the expansion and he is completely opposed to utilizing any current or future facility lease revenues to fund the expansion.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen explained that Measure BB does not have a funding mechanism, and although all Coachella Valley residents pay the same property tax, there will be no allocation of the expanded area's residents property taxes redistributed to the District. The funding is from the current District resident's property taxes, and the District and Foundation has committed to funding \$300k per year to the expansion.</p> <p>Vice-President Rogers described her conversation with Jan Pye, Councilmember, Desert Hot Springs, expressing her desire for assurance that taxpayer funding from the west is not spent on programs in the east. Vice-President Rogers explained the</p>	
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<p><b>2. Appointment Process for the Potential of 2 New Directors</b></p>	<p>discussion and that the Board would be diligent on spending similar to current funding to organizations such as Martha's Village and Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Further, Vice-President Rogers confirmed to Councilmember Pye and members of the public that no allocation of West Valley resident's property taxes would be redistributed to the newly expanded area if voters pass the measure.</p> <p>Leticia Delara, CEO, Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation asked if the measure passes what steps would the Board take to gain input and understand the community needs and how it affects the Strategic Plan. President Zendle explained that Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, will provide details on the timeline for expanding the Board.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the new Board member appointment process and timeline that would commence with a process of appointment in January 2019. Mr. Christensen also detailed the terms of the resolution to increase the number of Board members effective on the date of and subject to any conditions specified in the resolution.</p> <p><b>Public Comments</b> Kimberly Barranza, District Representative, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia's Office, expressed her gratitude and that the Assemblymember looks forward to the expansion.</p>	
<p><b>3. Zone Mapping Process for the</b></p>		

