

**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2015**

A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare Foundation was held in the Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom, Palm Springs, CA

Attendance:

Members

William Grimm, Do - President
Kay Hazen – Vice-President/Secretary
Mark Matthews - Treasurer
Michael Solomon, MD – Director
Carole Rogers - Director

Absent

Staff

Kathy Greco, Chief Executive Officer
Donna Craig, Chief Grants Officer
Chris Christensen, CFO/COO
Steve Brown, Clerk to the Board

Legal Counsel

Brian Whitley

Guests

None

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 p.m. by President Grimm

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Grimm asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**#15-29 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director
Matthews to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. Board Minutes
 - a. Special Meeting – November 17, 2015
2. November 2015 Financial Statements

#15-30 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the minutes of November 17, 2015
Motion passed unanimously

#15-31 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the District November 2015 Financial Statements.

Before the vote, Director Solomon provided a written statement with abstaining for portions of the November 2015 Financial Statements.*

“California Health & Safety Code Section 32121, subparagraph (j) tells the Board of Directors how it can spend taxpayer’s money. This law requires us to *only* spend taxpayer’s money on programs or purposes that are “for the benefit of the district and the people served by the district”. This means we can only spend district money on programs that *primarily* serve the people who live within the district and pay district taxes.

With regard to pages 17-36 of our Board packet, all money granted to the Desert Healthcare Foundation from the Desert Healthcare District, with the exception of those earmarked for the Hospital’s collective fund, are therefore illegal.

These expenditures, which are listed in the Consent Agenda and the Grant Payment Schedule on page 43 of our Board packet, are illegal because they are not “for the benefit of the district and the people served by the district” because they do not *primarily* serve or benefit the people who live within the Desert Healthcare District. Therefore by definition these expenditures are not only wrong but they are illegal. Our staff and our CEO should have never recommended them and our Attorney should be counseling us against them.

I Therefore abstain from approving those specific items because they are illegal and would ask that my concerns be duly noted in the minutes of this meeting. I urge each of the members of this Board to do the same.

I also abstain from any and all financial action approval for any item in our packet regarding either the Healthcare District or the Healthcare Foundation and Borrego Health Systems.”*

Roll Call Vote:

AYES **Director Rogers; Director Matthews; Director Solomon;**
Vice-President Grimm; President Hazen

NOES: **0**

ABSTAIN: ***Director Solomon only per the abstention above**

ABSENT: **0**

Motion Passed 5-0 except for partial abstentions noted above

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to Approve City of Palm Spring’s Request for Matching Funds from the Healthy Planet, Health You Mayor’s Race 2016 for the Continued Support of the cv-HIP Portal and the Ready, Set, Swim Program.

15-32 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Hazen and seconded by Director Rogers to Accept City Funds Restricted to the Collective Funds Already Set-Up for the cv-HIP Portal and the Ready, Set Swim Program.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES Director Rogers; Director Matthews;
Vice-President Grimm; President Hazen

NOES: 1 – Director Solomon

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion Passed 4-1

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS & REPORTS

None


CEO REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

ATTEST:



Kay Hazen, Vice-President/Secretary
Desert Healthcare Foundation Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Steve Brown, Clerk of the Board