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Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Karen Borja Vice-President Evett PerezGil Secretary Carmina Zavala, PsyD Director Arthur Shorr Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Borja called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Vice-President PerezGil, who joined shortly after the roll call due to technical difficulties.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Borja led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Boja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#22-24 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	



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<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p> a. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Closed Session – July 27, 2022</p> <p> b. Board of Directors Meeting – July 27, 2022</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p> a. Approval of the July & August 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved September 13, 2022</p> <p>3. AGREEMENTS</p> <p> a. Kaufman Hall & Associates – Addendum #4 – September 2022 through December 2022 – \$300,000</p> <p>4. GRANTS</p> <p> a. Grant #1350 JFK Memorial Foundation – Behavioral Health Awareness and Education Program – \$57,541</p> <p> b. Grant #1355 Joslyn Center – The Joslyn Wellness Center – \$85,000</p> <p> c. Grant #1361 DAP Health – DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response – \$586,727</p> <p>5. RESOLUTIONS</p> <p> a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-20 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</p>	<p>President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director Zendle requested to pull E.4.c. – Grant #1361 DAP Health – DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response – \$586,727 for discussion and possible amendment.</p> <p>The board engaged in a lengthy discussion concerning the grant request, including the possibility of funding for core operating support. Director Zendle motioned to approve the grant with a modification to reimburse expenses the staff approves, from July 1st, for the entire grant amount of \$568,727 and provide additional funds if necessary to DAP Health with a grant extension request.</p> <p>Public Comments: Bill VanHermert, Director, Institutional Giving, DAP Health</p> <p>C.J. Tobe, Director of Community Health & Sexual Wellness, DAP Health,</p>	<p>#22-25 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Secretary Zavala to approve the consent agenda and to pull item E.4.c.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#22-25 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the consent agenda and Grant #1361 DAP Health – DAP Health Monkeypox Virus Response – \$586,727 with a modification to reimburse expenses the staff approves, from July 1st, for the entire grant amount of \$586,727 and provide additional funds if necessary to DAP Health with a grant extension request.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p>		



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<p>1. Public Health Institute August 2022 Report – Respiratory & Cardiovascular Symptom Survey Among Adults in Vulnerable Populations in the Coachella Valley – Paul B. English, PhD, MPH, Director, Tracking California, Public Health Institute</p>	<p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, introduced Paul B. English, PhD, MPH, Director, Tracking California, Public Health Institute, who presented the August 2022 report on respiratory & cardiovascular symptom survey among adults in vulnerable populations in the Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p>2. Consideration to approve 1) The Vendor Agreement and 2) The Grant Contract between Desert Healthcare District and Desert Physicians Medical Group (DPMG) to operate the Mobile Medical Unit and provide healthcare services to the community.</p> <p>a. DPMG Vendor Agreement</p> <p>b. DPMG Grant #1329 Contract NTE \$500,000 over 3 years</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the mobile unit vendor agreement and grant contract with Desert Physicians Medical Group (DPMG). The mobile unit is ready for deployment to the District with Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, displaying the mobile unit wrap and features.</p> <p>The board requested Spanish verbiage outside the mobile unit and operations that include a specific number of days per year outside of business hours.</p> <p>Public Comments: Tae Kim, MD, Family /Primary Care, DPMG</p>	<p>#22-26 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the DPMG Vendor Agreement. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#22-27 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve DPMG Grant #1329 Contract NTE \$500,000 over 3 years. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>3. Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Public Health Blue Zones Initiative Steering Committee Invitation</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Riverside University Health System (RUHS) Public Health Blue Zones Initiative steering committee, the initial phase,</p>	



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	<p>and the steering committee's responsibilities over the next eight months.</p>	
<p>4. Monkey Pox in the Coachella Valley – Update</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an update on the Monkey Pox cases in the Coachella Valley, the high-risk groups, vaccine and testing locations, and community outreach and education, including the full-page public service announcement published in the Sacramento Bee in collaboration with DAP Health, Desert Care Network, and the City of Palm Springs, and the District’s leadership role in keeping the community healthy.</p>	
<p>5. Legislative Update on Seismic Compliance</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described Strategies 360’s legislative advocacy for the District to assist and support seismic compliance. The failed deal on a seismic retrofit extension for hospitals, preparations for the impending legislature, the targeted social media campaign to increase awareness, and Assemblymember Garcia’s October press conference was highlighted.</p>	
<p>6. CEO Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of his community engagements and District media visibility.</p>	
<p>7. Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) – Director Leticia De Lara, Trustee of the</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that Director De Lara is named the Trustee of the Year, and representing the District, Dr.</p>	



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<p>Year and Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO of the Year</p>	<p>Bárzaga is CEO of the year for the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD).</p> <p>Director De Lara thanked and acknowledged the staff further explaining that every board member deserves Trustee of the Year.</p>	
<p>F. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michelle Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center, congratulated the District, Dr. Bárzaga, and Director De Lara on their awards from the ACHD and other entities throughout the Valley. Mrs. Finney offered to provide zip code and insurance data from the Desert Care Network related to Dr. English’s presentation on respiratory and cardiovascular health.</p> <p>An update and overview were provided on the decrease in hospitalization of COVID positive patients, positive Monkey Pox cases and treatment, and DAP Health’s partnership for follow-up care and resources. The influenza clinic will commence this week, including COVID booster shots and supplemental staffing for a potential influenza surge.</p> <p>An update and an overview were provided of the capital improvements, such as the completion of the Gastroenterology unit renovations, the one-central unit HVAC restoration.</p>	



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	<p>Mrs. Finney described events and sponsorships, bomb threat training, active shooter drills, traffic control, landscape removal for safety purposes, and DRMC as the recipient of the national honor from One Legacy for staff's work on organ and tissue donation.</p>	
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Zendle, MD, provided an overview of the September Governing Board meeting describing the quality reports, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) case reports, staff credentialing, and peer review. Director Zendle also described the presentation on the wound care center that serves the entire Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022</p> <p>I.2. Program Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">3. Grant applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the September F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the September Program Committee meeting minutes, grant payment schedule, grant applications and request for proposals submitted and under review, and the progress and final reports update.</p>	



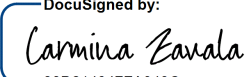
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<p style="text-align: center;">4. Progress and Final Reports Update</p> <p>I.3. Hospital Lease Oversight Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Meeting Minutes – September 21, 2022 2. Quarterly 2021-2022 Inspection Schedule 3. Q3 – Block 7 Facilities Re-Inspection Report (November 2021) – May 25, 2022 4. Q4 – Block 8 Facilities Inspection – May 25, 2022 	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the September Hospital Lease Oversight Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>J. Legal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consideration to approve Resolutions Requesting the Board of Supervisors Appoint Director PerezGil and Director Rogers to Terms Ending in 2026 	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, described the Declaration of Candidacy filings for Vice-President PerezGil and Director Rogers for the term ending 2026 with no other candidate filing, further describing the resolutions to the Board of Supervisors requesting their appointments.</p>	<p>#22-28 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Secretary Zavala to approve the Resolutions Requesting the Board of Supervisors Appoint Director PerezGil and Director Rogers to Terms Ending in 2026. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>



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<p>2. Consideration of Resolution No. 22-23 Amending the District's Conflict of Interest Code</p> <p>3. Assembly Bill 2449 (Rubio) – Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, described the even number of years for the District to review and update the Conflict of Interest Code, providing details on the redlined version and the increase in the prohibition of gifts from \$500 to \$520.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, described AB 2449 related to the current emergency order in place through 2023, providing an overview of teleconferences and virtual meetings.</p>	<p>#22-29 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve Resolution No. 22-23 Amending the District's Conflict of Interest Code. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>K. Immediate Issues and Comments</p>	<p>Vice-President PerezGil described the park in the Dream Homes neighborhood of Cathedral City and the upcoming community engagement meeting at Aqua Caliente Casino.</p>	
<p>L. Adjournment</p>	<p>President Borja adjourned the meeting in honor of Sid Rubenstein, prior board director, at 7:21 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

DocuSigned by:

 ATTEST: _____
 Carmina Zavala, PsyD, Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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