



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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April 02, 2024

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD – Virtual Participation Kimberly Barraza, Secretary Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, CPA, Interim CEO 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 Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President PerezGil led the Pledge of Allegiances.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#24-17 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	Brad Anderson, Palm Desert Resident, provided remarks concerning Board members virtual participation.	
E. Information Community Forum on the Tenet Lease Negotiations		



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<p>1. Presentation of current status of negotiations of proposal from Tenet for a new Lease and Option to Purchase – Chris Christensen, Interim CEO</p> <p>2. Public input and comments</p> <p>3. Board discussion</p>	<p>President PerezGil presented opening remarks and welcomed the public.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, provided a presentation on the status of the lease negotiations with background details and a timeline of the District, Tenet’s proposal, and the benefits, challenges, and alternatives between the District and Tenet Health.</p> <p>Public Comments: Jeffrey Kirkpatric, JFK Memorial Hospital Governing Board Member Jim Nindel, Desert Hot Springs Resident Phyllis Ritchie, MD, CEO and Founder of PS Test Megan Barajas, Regional Vice-President, Hospital Association of Southern California Jimmy Fish, Market CFO, Desert Care Network Fred Bell, Cathedral City Resident Diane Vines, CSUSB Palm Desert Campus, Director of the Street Medicine Program Scott Morey, Chief Nursing Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center Brad Anderson, Palm Desert Resident Cyd Greenhorn, RN, ICU, Desert Regional Medical Center</p>	
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	<p>Michael Greenhorn, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Harriett Baron, Director of Development, Mizell Center</p> <p>Brandon Marley, President and CEO, Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Dave Powell, Executive Director, Desert Business Association</p> <p>Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert Resident</p> <p>Patrick Bastar, Coachella Valley Resident</p> <p>Shelley Kaplan, Cathedral City Resident, Board of Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Karen Borja, Indio Resident</p> <p>The Board requested an elaboration on the timeline for reaching the ballot (first week of August for November 2024) if the voters do not approve, parallel with no agreement to ensure management of the hospital, gap in medical services, (contract consultants to advise the Board on the operations) state and federal level to transfer license certificates ahead of time.</p> <p>Thanked the public directing them to Tenet’s offer and the District’s counter offer. Ensuring minimal disruption to the care of patients, including the staff and residency program, addressing the seismic issues, increasing the District’s grant program, DCN’s support of the community and</p>	
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	vice-versa, moving forward together with a compromise, the changes in healthcare delivery in 30-years, community health programs.	
F. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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

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