



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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April 16, 2024

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Kimberly Barraza, Secretary Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, CPA, Interim CEO Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Will Dean, Director of Communications and Marketing Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel	Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Director Zavala	
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.	#24-20 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Vice-President Zavala
D. Public Comment	Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident, provided public comment related to the District's remote committee meetings.	
E. Information Community Forum on the Tenet Lease Negotiations		



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<p>1. Presentation</p>	<p>Director Barraza presented opening remarks welcoming the public and introduced Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, who provided a presentation on reassuming hospital operations and seeking an alternative hospital operator, the background and timeline of the district, Tenet’s proposal, the benefits, challenges, and alternatives.</p> <p>Public Comments: Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert Resident (read into the record) Karen Faulis, CEO, JFK Memorial Hospital Stewart Fleishmann Michael Harbin, Indio Resident Corina Velasquez COO, DAP Health David Brinkman, CEO, DAP Health Lisa Ford, Coachella Valley Resident, JFK Hospital Employee Darla Burkett, Executive Director, CVRM Scott Wolf, Employee, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission Brad Anderson, Rancho Mirage Resident Elizabeth “Betty” Sassano, Indio Resident, Chair of the Governing Board JFK Medical Center Nedy Terrazas, Associate COO, DAP Health</p>	
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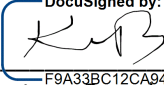
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	<p>Roshan Patel, Coachella Valley Resident</p> <p>Gloria Fran, JFK Memorial Hospital Governing Board, Coachella Valley Resident</p> <p>Lisa Wilson, Chief Strategy Officer, JFK Memorial Hospital</p> <p>Vanessa Munoz, 24 Year Radiology Department Employee, JFK Memorial Hospital</p> <p>Megan Barajas, Hospital Association of Southern California</p> <p>The Board thanked the public for attending, discussed the Desert Sun editorial board recent article, determining the alternatives, advantages and disadvantages, the effects on the community without a rush to judgment, ensuring readiness, the timeline for the ballot measure, options if the District does not meet the August 9 deadline, minimal disruption of the services related to licenses, the consultant guiding the District and Board for operational aspects of the hospital, communicating their stance on the state level for any assistance concerning possible operations if an agreement is not reached, and if the voters do not approve the ballot measure.</p>	
<p>F. Adjournment</p>	<p>President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.</p>	<p><i>Audio recording available on the website at</i></p>



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 Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, Board Relations Officer