



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Secretary Kimberly Barraza Director Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN – Virtual Participation	Chris Christensen, CPA, Chief Executive Officer Eric Taylor, CPA, Chief Administration Officer 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  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President PerezGil led the pledge of allegiance.	
<b>C. Approval of Agenda</b>	Chris Christensen, CEO, recommended consideration of the board to move items G.3.b. and G.3.c. from the District agenda to the Foundation agenda as items E.1.e. and E.1.f.  President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda moving items G.3.b. Annual Holiday Board & Staff Dinner and G.3.c. Annual Employee Holiday Gift Card Purchase to the Foundation agenda.	<b>#24-71 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the agenda moving items G.3.b. and G.3.c. to the Foundation agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</b>



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<p><b>D. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>	
<p><b>E. Consent Agenda</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>BOARD MINUTES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Board of Directors Meeting – October 22, 2024</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <b>FINANCIALS</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. October 2024 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved November 13, 2024</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <b>LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cohen, Musch, &amp; Thomas Medical Group – Suite 3E-101 – Lease Addendum #2 – Expiration May 31, 2025</li> <li>b. Desert Oasis Healthcare – Suite 2W-107 – Lease Extension Addendum #2</li> <li>c. Brad A. Wolfson, MD – Suite 2W-101 – Lease transfer to Inland Urology PC, LLC</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <b>AGREEMENTS</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Connect IE Project Services – Professional Services Agreement Amendment #1 – NTE Recipient Amount of \$71,040 for 2025</li> </ol> </li> <li>5. <b>POLICIES</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Policy BOD-21 – Meeting &amp; Insurance Compensation – FY 24-25 – \$3,250 increase from \$13,000 to \$16,250</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. <b>OFFICE CLOSURE</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Annual Holiday Office Closure – December 26-31, 2024</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director De Lara removed item 6.a. regarding the Annual Holiday Office Closure, ensuring that senior leadership's out-of-office replies mention contacting the CEO for any emergencies during the holiday closure period.</p>	<p><b>#24-72 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the consent agenda removing item 6.a.</b>  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  <b>AYES – 7</b> President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p> <p><b>#24-73 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Vice-President Zavala to approve the consent agenda item 6.a.</b>  <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>  <b>AYES – 7</b> President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>F. Remarks for Outgoing Board Members</b></p>	<p>Palm Desert Mayor Karina Quintanilla delivered remarks and presented Vice-President Zavala with a proclamation</p>	



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	<p>honoring her term of service to the District.</p> <p>Shayra Hernandez, Director of Stakeholder Engagement from Congressman Raul Ruiz's office, presented Vice-President Zavala, who served for four years, and Director Zendle, who served for eight years, with certificates of recognition as outgoing directors.</p> <p>Kimberly Barraza, Secretary and Senior District Representative for Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, also presented Vice-President Zavala and Director Zendle with certificates acknowledging their contributions to the District.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Deputy Director of Government Affairs and Community Engagement for Riverside County's Housing and Workforce Solutions Department, provided public comments regarding Directors Zavala and Zendle's service to the District.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, CEO, presented Vice-President Zavala and Director Zendle with proclamations from the City of Palm Springs, as well as a distinction from the District in recognition of their service as outgoing directors.</p>	
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<p><b>G. Reports</b></p> <p><b>a. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</b></p> <p><b>b. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting –President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zendle, MD</b></p> <p><b>c. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, CEO</b></p> <p><b>a. Sponsorships</b></p> <p><b>i. Consideration to approve a \$10,000 sponsorship for the 2025 Palm Springs Health Run – January 25, 2025</b></p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO of Desert Regional Medical Center and the Desert Care Network, highlighted the positive results of the DNV Stroke Survey, the \$2.5M donation to the DAP Health affordable housing development, the capital and construction projects, and the ballot passage of Measure AA.</p> <p>President PerezGil presented a brief overview of the governing board meeting held in October, emphasizing the semi-annual compliance review and the nationwide IV shortage.</p> <p>Director Zendle summarized the November governing board meeting, focusing on Michele Finney’s CEO report, the credentialing and privileging process, the quality report, the Leapfrog results, which received a B grade, and the ongoing efforts to improve the grade to an A.</p> <p>Chris Christensen CEO described the \$10k sponsorship request for the 2025 Palm Springs Health and Wellness Run the District previously sponsored in</p>	<p><b>#24-74 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve a \$10,000 sponsorship for the 2025 Palm Springs Health Run – January 25, 2025, \$5,000 sponsorship to Brothers of the</b></p>
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<p><b>ii. Consideration to approve a \$5,000 sponsorship to Brothers of the Desert Sixth Annual Wellness Summit – “The Power of Authenticity” – March 22, 2025</b></p> <p><b>iii. Consideration to approve a \$5,000 sponsorship for Jewish Family Services of the Desert (JFS) 22nd Annual Patron Party – December 8, 2024</b></p> <p><b>iv. Consideration to approve a \$5,000 sponsorship for Alianza Coachella Valley’s “Celebrando Nuestro Impacto” Event – January 30, 2025</b></p>	<p>collaboration with the District’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, described the \$5k sponsorship request for Brothers of the Desert Sixth Annual Wellness Summit.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, described the sponsorship \$5k request for Jewish Family Services of the Desert (JFS) 22nd Annual Patron Party.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, described the \$5k sponsorship request for Alianza Coachella Valley’s “Celebrando Nuestro Impacto” Event.</p> <p>The board inquired about sponsorships under \$5,000 and discussed the possibility of increasing the budget for the CEO’s discretionary fund. Additionally, the board engaged in a lengthy discussion about the sponsorship process for health runs and how to effectively disseminate information to the public.</p>	<p><b>Desert Sixth Annual Wellness Summit – “The Power of Authenticity” – March 22, 2025, \$5,000 sponsorship for Jewish Family Services of the Desert (JFS) 22nd Annual Patron Party – December 8, 2024, and \$5,000 sponsorship for Alianza Coachella Valley’s “Celebrando Nuestro Impacto” Event – January 30, 2025.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</b></p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p> <p><b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
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<p><b>b. Annual Holiday Board &amp; Staff Dinner – NTE \$5,000</b></p>	<p>The matter was moved for discussion to the Foundation agenda.</p>	
<p><b>c. Annual Employee Holiday Gift Card Purchase – NTE \$2,500</b></p>	<p>The matter was moved for discussion to the Foundation agenda.</p>	
<p><b>d. Annual Holiday Staff Team-Building Luncheon</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, described the staff’s annual holiday team-building luncheon.</p>	
<p><b>e. Stepping Out for COD – Citizens of Distinction Gala – January 16, 2025</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, provided an overview of the recognition from College of the Desert for the District’s collaboration with the Healthcare Workforce Leadership Roundtable at their Citizens of Distinction Gala.</p>	
<p><b>f. Temporary Employee – Belen Navarro</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, provided an overview of Belen Navarro, a promotora and 6-month temporary employee assisting with vaccination events as part of the USAging grant award.</p>	
<p><b>g. Existing and Future Strategic Planning</b></p>	<p>Mr. Christensen detailed the passage of Measure AA, outlined the remaining two years of the strategic plan, and presented additional options for the board to consider. Staff recommended that the board continue with the current strategic plan for those two years while planning and developing</p>	



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>h. CEO Engagements and District Media Visibility</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>4. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>a. 2024 Brown Act Legislation</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>i. AB 2302 (Addis)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ii. AB 2715 (Boerner)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>b. Consideration of filing a Validation Action related to the Lease Purchase Agreement</b></p>	<p>future funding opportunities for grants, programs, and health facilities.</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to proceed with option 2, which involves holding a facilitated workshop in February or March to brainstorm and develop a new strategic plan. During this time, President PerezGil announced the dissolution of the Hospital Lease Ad Hoc Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, highlighted the engagements and media visibility throughout the month.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided an update on AB 2302 and AB 2715 related to the Brown Act.</p> <p>Counsel Scott described the background of validation actions by California Healthcare Districts and the appropriate action by the board to initiate a validation action aimed at legally affirming the validity of the Lease Purchase Agreement between the District and Tenet.</p>	<p><b>#24-75 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to direct the General Counsel to take appropriate action to file a Validation Action related to the approval of the Lease Purchase Agreement.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</b></p>
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		<b>NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</b>
<p><b>H. Committee Meetings</b></p> <p><b>H.1. Program Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Progress Reports Update</b></p> <p><b>c. Final Reports Update</b></p> <p><b>d. Grant Applications Status Report</b></p> <p><b>e. Grant Payment Schedule</b></p> <p><b>f. Update on the Regional Access Project Foundation/Desert Healthcare District 2022-2023 Mental Health Funding Partnership</b></p> <p><b>g. Recommendation from the Program Committee to Continue with the Due Diligence Process – Grant #1466 Eisenhower Health – \$1,989,493 – 3 years to support Psychiatric Care Expansion and Psychiatry Residency Program</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning Program Committee meeting items a - f.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, CEO, provided an overview of the Program Committee’s recommendation to continue with the due diligence process of the Eisenhower Health grant request.</p> <p>Counsel Scott presented an overview of the hospital lease, and the restrictions associated with the grant, describing his request that Tenet provide a written response regarding potential conflicts with the lease.</p>	<p><b>#24-76 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Barraza and seconded by Director De Lara to approve Continuing with the Due Diligence Process – Grant #1466 Eisenhower Health – \$1,989,493 – 3 years to support Psychiatric Care Expansion and Psychiatry Residency Program. Motion passed 4-2. AYES – 4 Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Rogers, and Director De Lara NOES – 2 President PerezGil and Director Zendle ABSENT – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 Director Shorr</b></p>





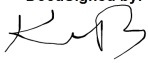
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<p><b>H.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, and Real Estate Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Mitrastech - Trakstar Performance Management Platform – 3-year agreement</b></p> <p><b>c. District Portfolio Investments Review - Keith Stribling, CFA, Senior Portfolio Manager, PFM Asset Management LLC – Q2 &amp; Q3 2024</b></p>	<p>Director Shorr provided a brief overview of the F&amp;A Committee meeting items a - c.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p><b>I. Old Business</b></p> <p><b>1. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Link Project Q3 – July 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024, Report</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the CVAG CV Link Project Q3 report.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	
<p><b>J. Board Member Comments</b></p>	<p>Director De Lara described the event organized by promotoras in Mecca, where she met Belen Navarro, the temporary employee for the district.</p> <p>Director Rogers discussed a free mobile clinic event that provided showers, complimentary lunches, clothing, and resident physicians to address the healthcare needs of unhoused individuals.</p>	



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<b>K. Adjournment</b>	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.	<b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b>
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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors  
Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

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