

**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES
December 19, 2017**

A Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District was held in the Jerry Stergios Building – 2nd Floor, Palm Springs, CA.

Attendance

<u>Members</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Carole Rogers, RN – President	
Kay Hazen – Vice-President/Secretary	
Mark Matthews – Treasurer	
Jennifer Wortham, DrPH – Director	
Les Zendle, MD – Director	

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Legal Counsel</u>
Herb K. Schultz, CEO - <i>Telephonic</i>	Jeffrey G. Scott
Chris Christensen, COO/CFO	
Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer	
Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director	
Mary Pannoni, Accounting/Admin. Support	
Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk to the Board	

Guests
Michelle Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center
Rich Ramhoff, Director of Marketing, Desert Regional Medical Center
Brett Klein, Marketing Specialist, Eisenhower
Mitch Blumberg, Vice Chair, Governing Board, Desert Regional Medical Center
John Mark Roger

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by President Rogers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, opened the nominations for the election of Board President. Director Wortham and President Rogers nominated Director Zendle.

**#18-16 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by President Rogers to approve as Les Zendle, MD as Board President.
Motion passed unanimously.**

**Roll Call Vote:
AYES 4 Director Matthews; Director Wortham; Vice-President Hazen**

President Rogers

NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 Director Zendle
ABSENT:
Motion Passed 4-1

Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, opened the nominations for Vice-President/Secretary. Director Wortham nominated Director Rogers.

**#18-17 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Wortham and seconded by Director Matthews to approve as President Rogers as Vice-President/Secretary.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:
**AYES 4 Director Zendle; Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Hazen**

NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 President Rogers
ABSENT:
Motion Passed 4-1

Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, opened the nominations for Treasurer. Director Rogers nominated Director Matthews to Treasurer.

**#18-18 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Zendle to approve Director Matthews as Treasurer.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:
**AYES 4 Director Zendle; Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Hazen; President Rogers**

NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 1 Director Matthews
ABSENT:
Motion Passed 4-1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice-President Rogers passed the gavel over to President Zendle and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**#18-19 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rogers and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the agenda.
Motion passed unanimously.**

Roll Call Vote:
**AYES 5 Director Hazen; Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Rogers; President Zendle**

NOES: 0
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:
Motion Passed 5-0

ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2:10 p.m.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9 – Existing Litigation (one case)
Solomon vs. Desert Healthcare District et al.
Riverside County Superior Court Case No. PSC1503643
2. Public Employee Evaluation Pursuant to Government Code 54957
Title: Chief Executive Officer

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD

REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

The Board discussed the evaluation of the CEO and the Board President appointed an Ad Personnel Committee consisting of Directors Hazen and Wortham to review the process and bring back to the Board with recommendations. In closed session, the Board also discussed the Solomon versus Desert Healthcare District lawsuit.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ezra Kaufman, District Resident, requested clarification on a response to a public records request for the one-year extension of the capital improvement plan from the minutes of February 2, 2000. Mr. Kaufman inquired if the letter documented in the minutes was written and sent.

CONSENT AGENDA

Submitted for approval:

1. BOARD MINUTES
 - a. Meeting of November 28, 2017
2. a. Consideration for Approval of District November 2017 Financial Statements
F&A Committee approved December 12, 2017.

**#18-20 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the District November 2017 Financial Statements.
Motion passed unanimously.**

AYES 5 **Director Hazen; Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Rogers; President Zendle**

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: 0

Motion Passed 5-0

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT CEO REPORT

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, Desert Healthcare District, congratulated former President Rogers and former Vice-President/Secretary Hazen for an extraordinary year and their commitment to the District.

DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CEO REPORT

Michelle Finney, CEO, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), explained that the hospital is closing out the capital and construction projects previously reported to the Board and the hospital is preparing for significant upcoming projects including the expansion of the emergency room and remodeling of the pharmacy for ADA requirement purposes. Ms. Finney also explained that the team recently completed its walk-thru with CBRE of the Facility Assessment Condition Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ezra Kaufman, District Resident, stated that the previous boiler repair is the same central steam pipe boiler repair that commenced in 2014 for \$4.7M.

DESERT REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, REAL ESTATE, AND LEGAL COMMITTEE - Director Matthews
 - a. Draft Minutes of December 12, 2017
 - b. CFO Report & Las Palmas Leasing Update
 - c. LPMP Lease Renewal – Suite 1W 101 – Pathway Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
 - d. Healthcare District Board Benefits Analysis & Comparison

Director Matthews described the draft Minutes of the December 12 meeting, the CFO Report, the Las Palmas Leasing update, and the lease renewal for Pathway Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

#18-21 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by President Zendle to approve the LPMP Lease Renewal – Suite 1W 101 – Pathway Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES **5** **Director Hazen; Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Rogers; President Zendle**

NOES: **0**

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: **0**

Motion Passed 5-0

Chris Christensen, CFO, described the details of the Healthcare District Board Benefits Analysis & Comparison. Director Hazen explained that sixty-three Districts do not have benefits, the District Board serves as volunteers and encourages a stipend for meeting attendance or a limit for costs to participate and recommends that the benefits are open to a change. Vice-President Rogers explained that the other comparable Districts are similar to Desert Healthcare District and it is a personal matter concerning volunteerism.

#18-22 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by President Zendle to reevaluate the Healthcare District Benefits during the Budget process.

Motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES **5** **Director Hazen; Director Matthews; Director Wortham;
Vice-President Rogers; President Zendle**

NOES: **0**

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: **0**

Motion Passed 5-0

2. HOSPITAL GOVERNANCE AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

a. December 18, 2017 Meeting

President Zendle provided details of the Committee’s meeting and an update of the CB Richard Ellis (CBRE) Facility Condition Assessment. Chris Christensen, CFO, explained CBRE’s facility inspections of mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and seismic. President Zendle also described the Committee’s role, the various quality reports, and the Desert Regional Medical Center Quality Director’s invite to present on the improvement of the scores at the January meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ezra Kaufman, District Resident, stated that the District should be proactive with Desert Regional Medical Center to determine if they are living up to the objectives of the lease and government oversight.

3. NEW PROVIDERS, FACILITIES, PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- a. Ad Hoc Committee
- b. Kaufman Hall Study Session
- c. Expansion, LAFCO Application, and Funding

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained that the Ad Hoc Committee’s work is on track and that the LAFCO application will be heard in the spring by Riverside County. Director Hazen explained that the Committee is scheduling upcoming Study Sessions in January.

4. RESOURCES AND PHILANTHROPY PROGRAM

- a. Discussions with Community Members and Experts

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained the Resources and Philanthropy as it relates to the Strategic Plan. Formalized task forces are necessary to move forward with the community experts contributions. Director Hazen explained the implementation program consultant Mary Odell’s suggested outreach and collaborative approach including public workshops and study sessions that are necessary, but not a structured committee using rigorous and proactive outreach to solicit public feedback instead of formal committees. The Board requested that Staff bring back to the January Board meeting an enactment to change the four task forces.

President Zendle introduced Lisa Houston, the incoming Chief Operating Officer.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. West Valley Homelessness Initiative – Concept for Short-Term Intervention

Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer, distributed and described the outline of the Concept for Short-Term Intervention that includes the continued leadership role, data determining the risk including vaccinations, existing service providers that can administer the vaccines, intervention action, and secondary intervention actions. Director Rogers recommends a cause and effect approach to the concept. Director Hazen explained the existing structure for a proactive strategy to ensure a similar outbreak does not happen in the Coachella Valley. The Board requested that Staff bring back additional recommendations and include Coachella Valley Association of Governments in the conversation.

- 3. Behavioral Health Consultant

Herb K. Schultz, CEO, explained that Staff was directed to work through the issues of the first strategic priority of the Board – New Providers, Facilities, Programs, and Services for future planning needs describing the work of Kaufman Hall and the possible risk of duplication. President Zendle explained that the District should determine the best way to use the consultant. Staff was directed to bring back a modified scope of work and job description that includes a contract for consideration at the January meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS & REPORTS

Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained Toni Atkins, was appointed as the first woman to Chair the California State Senate.

DIRECTORS' COMMENTS & REPORTS

President Zendle thanked the Board, Vice-President Rogers, and the Staff for their work and instruction on moving forward with the Strategic Plan. President Zendle appointed Vice-President Rogers to Chair the CEO Evaluation Personnel Ad Hoc Committee, and Director Matthews to Chair the F&A Committee Meetings with Director Wortham as a Committee member.

Vice-President Rogers described the Behavioral Healthcare Symposium she attended sponsored by the California Hospital Association. Director Hazen expressed her appreciation for the leadership of the prior Board President Rogers. Directors Wortham and Matthews also praised Vice-President Rogers for her guidance and direction.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

ATTEST:



Carole Rogers, Vice-President/Secretary
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk to the Board