



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
MINUTES

Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6:00 PM  
Redwoods Room, Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Campus  
700 River Drive, Fort Bragg, CA.

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## CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### **1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Garza called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

This meeting was held in-person and by teleconference in accordance to the Brown Act.

Directors Present:	Chair Paul Garza, Jr.	Vice Chair Paul Katzeff
	Secretary Susan Savage	Treasurer Sara Spring
	Jan McGourty	

A quorum of the Board was present.

Management Team:	Agency Administrator Katharine Wylie
	Chief Financial Officer Wayne Allen
	District General Legal Counsel Craig Steele
	Clerk of the Board Norma I. Alley, MMC

### **2. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **2a) GC § 54956.9(d)(1): Conference with Legal Counsel — Existing Litigation (1 matter).**

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald spoke to the way the item was agendized.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

District General Legal Counsel Steele introduced the closed session item stating the subject matter of the Closed Session was Michael McDaniel vs. Mendocino Coast Health Care District Claim No. 20-000240.the Board into Closed Session at 6:24 p.m.

The Closed Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:34 p.m.

## **2b) Report out from Closed Session.**

Chair Garza reported there was no reportable action.

## **3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Linda Jo Stern spoke to the concern of oncology services being discontinued and transparent communication from the Board on decisions such as this (full written testimony was provided to the Board and entered into the record).

Katie Sanchez spoke to the concern of oncology services being discontinued and transparent communication from the Board on decisions such as this.

Judy Valadeo spoke to the concern of oncology services being discontinued.

Jenny Shattuck spoke to the concern of oncology services being discontinued and transparent communication from the Board on decisions such as this.

Malcolm Macdonald spoke to prohibition of public criticism of the governing body during public comment, missing links to meeting video or audio recordings on the website, questions regarding contract services, and the public's ability to participate.

## **4. REPORTS**

### **4a) Receive and File MCHCD Board Chair's Report**

Chair Garza reported on his written report and fielded inquiry from the Board.

### **4b) Receive Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Report**

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital President Judy Leach reported on general hospital matters pertaining to the District and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Secretary Savage suggested letters to Congress be written by the community to support the hospital's efforts and efforts to continue oncology services. Chair Garza directed staff to post a sample letter on the MCHCD website for easy access for the public to download.

### **4c) Receive Mendocino Coast Healthcare Foundation Board Report**

There was no report.

### **4d) Receive and file Seismic Compliance and Communications Team Progress Report**

There was no report.

#### **4e) Receive and file Agency Administrator's Report**

Agency Administrator Wylie reported on her written report and provided updates on general matters of the District and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chief Financial Officer Allen reported on the audit and fielded inquiry from the Board.

#### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **5a) Draft Minutes of the 7/25/2024 Regular Meeting**

##### **5b) Appointment of Jessica Grinberg, Former MCHCD Board Chair, to the Measure C Committee**

##### **5c) Appointment of Gabriel Maroney and Lynn Finley, R.N., to the Planning Committee**

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald spoke to the inconsistencies in the appointment process.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Spring. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

Chair Garza called a five minute recess at 7:40 p.m.

#### **6. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **6a) Receive and Consider Staff Recommendation to Rescind the Health Reimbursement Account Benefit for Board Members**

Chair Garza and District General Legal Counsel Steele provided a report and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Jenny Shattuck provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

General discussion ensued amongst the Board.

Motion: Director McGourty made a motion to approve rescinding the health reimbursement account benefit Board Members, effective when Board Members are reelected after the November 2024 elections, and have a future discussion

regarding stipends. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Katzeff. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/1 No (Spring) vote.

**6b) Receive and Consider Board Response to a Mendocino County Grand Jury Report, Dated June 12, 2024, Entitled, “MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT - Sick, but Returning to Health”**

Chair Garza introduced the item.

General discussion commenced amongst the Board regarding items noted in the Grand Jury Report. Treasurer Spring noted there were missing videos from the District website. The Board directed staff to restore the videos on the website.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to postpone the item to a Special Meeting, date uncertain. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Spring. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

**6c) Receive MCHCD Board Standing Planning Committee Chair’s Report and Approve Cost Not to Exceed \$1000, to Convene a Traditional Medical Providers Symposium on September 6, 2024, at Fort Bragg Town Hall, 6:00-7:30 pm**

Vich Chair Katzeff provided a report and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to approve expenditure of costs not to exceed \$1500 to sponsor the symposium. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Spring. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

**6d) Receive Check Register Report, as of 7/31/24**

**6e) Receive Actual vs. Budget Report, as of 7/31/24**

**6f) Receive Treasury Bill Inventory Portfolio, as of 7/31/24**

**6g) Receive Summary of Cash Balances, as of 7/31/24**

Hearing no objection from the Board, as all items are information only, the four agenda items were heard at one time.

Chief Financial Officer Allen provided a report on Agenda Items 6d, 6e, 6f, and 6g and fielded inquiry from the Board. Agency Administrator also fielded inquiry from the Board.

Treasurer Spring requested inclusion in communications amongst the management team and/or Board regarding fiduciary responsibility and matters. Chair Garza noted support of this request and directed the management to include the Treasurer in communications.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

### **7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Secretary Savage spoke to an upcoming festival.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Norma I. Alley, MMC, Clerk of the Board