



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

Thursday, October 24, 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 6:00 p.m.

This meeting was held in-person and by teleconference in accordance with 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
	Clerk of the Board Norma I. Alley, MMC

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Peter Litt shared concern of Adventist Health closing hospice and neonatal services, spoke to lease negotiations, and shared a family experience regarding recent care.

Gabriel Maroney spoke to holding a public forum regarding current issues, calling a Planning Committee Meeting, and thanked the Board for their work.

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital President Judy Leach spoke to discussions between Adventist Health and Mendocino Coast Health Care District.

Dr. Sandy Mendel, MD, shared an experience regarding recent health care service.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Vice Chair Katzeff made a motion to hear Item 5. New Business out of order. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Spring. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **5a) Receive and consider approval of a contract with the Chartis Group, LLC, for Strategic & Operational Assessment services.**

*This item was heard out of order.*

Chartis Group Representative Billy Balfour provided a report and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Supervisor Ted Williams provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Gabriel Maroney provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Adventist Health Physician Rikki Spenser provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Dr. Sandy Mendel provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Linda Williams provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital President Judy Leach provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Nurse Lynn Finley provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Michael Blaisdell provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Jerry Stavely provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Director McGourty made a motion to approve a contract for Strategic & Operational Assessment services with the Chartis Group, LLC, and to provide both Medicare and Medicaid data. Motion was seconded by Secretary Savage. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

### **3. REPORTS**

#### **3a) Receive and file MCHCD Board Chair's Report**

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

### **3b) Receive and file Check Register Report**

Chief Financial Officer Allen presented the report and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Treasurer Spring expressed concern there is no Board oversight of funds, disagreed that the monies being held in Wells Fargo were Measure C monies, and requested a discussion of the Measure C funds at a future meeting.

Chair Garza requested the Board support a letter be sent to Adventist Health requesting data. Unanimous support was provided by the Board.

Chair Garza called a break at 7:21 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 7:27 p.m.

### **3c) Receive Adventist Health Improvement Fund - Allocation Report for October 2024**

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Facilities Manager Peter Johnston presented on general hospital matters pertaining to the District and fielded inquiry from the Board. He requested the Board consider approving a payment of \$400,000 to Adventist Health and approve a \$1.9M payment from the Improvement Fund for projects in the report.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

A Citizen provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Dr. William Miller provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

### **3d) 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.

#### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

##### **4a) Draft Minutes of the 9/26/2024 Regular Meeting; Draft Minutes of 10/1/2024 Special Meeting; and Draft Minutes of the 10/17/2024 Special Meeting**

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

Treasurer Spring requested the 9/26/2024 be reviewed for accuracy of Chair Garza's consideration of hearing Measure C at a future meeting.

Motion: Director McGourty made a motion to postpone the 9/26/2024 minutes and approve the remaining Consent Calendar items. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Spring. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/1 No (Katzeff) vote.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **5a) Receive and consider approval of a contract with the Chartis Group, LLC, for Strategic & Operational Assessment services**

*This item was heard out of order.*

#### **6. CLOSED SESSION**

6a) Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, 700 River Drive, Fort Bragg, Ca.  
District Negotiators: Wayne Allen, Chief Restructuring Officer, MCHCD.  
Negotiating party: Eric Stevens, President, Northern California Network, Adventist Health.  
Under negotiation: Terms of the Lease Agreement, dated July 1, 2020.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Gabriel Maroney provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

A Citizen provided general comments regarding the agenda item.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Chair Garza led the Board into Closed Session at 8:12 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 9:07 p.m.

##### **6b) Report out from Closed Session**

Chair Garza reported there was no reportable action.

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

There were no comments from the Board.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Norma I. Alley*

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, Clerk of the Board