



**WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Friday, April 8, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.  
990 Tulare Street, Suite C Newman CA 95360**

**Members of the public wanting to listen and/or participate in the meeting please dial  
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**CALL TO ORDER** 3:11 p.m.

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**ROLL CALL**

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Board of Directors: FELBER, HELMS, VICE PRESIDENT VARNELL, PRESIDENT BRAZIL  
Zoom: Leo Landaverde, Accountant; Nic Cardella, Legal Counsel

**CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE**

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*Please take a moment to silence your cell phones*

**PUBLIC  
COMMENTS**

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Members of the public may bring before the Board matters that are not listed on the agenda. The Board may refer such a matter to the Board Clerk to take it under advisement, but shall not take action at that time. Comments will be accepted during this time concerning any action item on the agenda. The Board will consider all comments prior to taking action on the item as listed on the agenda in the Action Item section. (Gov. Sec. 54954.03). Individual speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda items.

**CLOSED SESSION** 3:19 p.m.

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- *Significant exposure to litigation, 54956.9(b), 01*
- *Conference with Labor Negotiators, 54957.6, United Steel Workers, Local Union TEMSA 12-911*

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION-MEETING WILL BE RECORDED**

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**CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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- **REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION** 3:21 p.m.
  - *Nothing to report out*

**PRESENTATIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Members of the public may comment on matters that are *not* listed on the agenda at this time. The Board may refer such matters to the Board Clerk for discussion and consideration at a future meeting, but otherwise shall not take action at this time.

Public comment will be accepted concerning any item on the agenda when that item is called. The Board will consider all comments prior to taking action on the item.

Speakers shall be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Board on each agenda or non-agenda item.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one action of the Board. Any member of the Board, or member of the public, may request to remove an item from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

Are there any items on the consent calendar that any member of the Board or public would like to be considered separately?

1. **Minutes of the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting**  
Recommendation: Review and Approve
  
2. **Minutes of the March 1, 2024, Special Meeting**  
Recommendation: Review and Approve

**3. Cash Disbursement Journal**

Recommendation: Review and Approve

*President Brazil introduced the consent calendar. There was no public comment.*

*Vice President Varnell made the motion to approve the consent calendar.*

*The motion was seconded by Director Helms and carried 4-0 vote.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**3. Recommendation from the district's subcommittee, regarding initiative analysis prepared by Kurt Oneto.**

*Roberta Casteel, Administrative Service Manager presented the Staff Report.*

*The district has determined additional revenue is necessary to adequately fulfill its responsibility to provide ambulance service to the community therefore the board of directors established a subcommittee.*

*Nic Cardella, Legal counsel advised the board and public on a discussion the subcommittee had regarding an initiative analysis prepared by Kurt Oneto.*

*It has been determined by the analysis that was prepared for the district that is not feasible for the district to put an initiative on the ballot using the 50% plus 1. This method is not allowed by hospital districts. The district will have to put a new measure on the ballot using the process of two-thirds voter approval.*

*The subcommittee reached out to David Townsend of I Street Public Affairs for services to perform the preparations of ordinance language, ballot label and arguments. Mr. Townsend advised the subcommittee that he thought it was in the best interest of the district to reach out to Kurt Oneto and have his office assist with the legal preparations for the measure and for the district to hire a campaign manager to help with the campaign up to the election.*

*Subcommittee is seeking direction from the board to enter into an agreement with the Law Office Nielsen Merksamer, Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP., on assistance with preparing ballot measure.*

*Vice President Varnell made a motion to give legal counsel, Nic Cardella authorization to reach an agreement with Kurt Oneto for his services for proposed ballot measure at public rates. Cap is set at \$30,000.00, prior authorization is needed from district's legal counsel or accountant if set amount is to go over that. Motion seconded by Director Helms and carried 4-0 vote.*

**4. Agreement with Solutions Group**

*Nic Cardella, Legal Counsel advised board and public that he reviewed the contract with Solutions Group per the board's direction.*

*The current contract has a thirty (30) day in advance cancelation term by both parties. Solution Group only invoices the district on calls they scrub, and what dollar amount that is collected. Therefore, there is no cost additional to the district to keep this vendor.  
No Action*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

1. Power Point presentation on Bank Account Balances/Accounts Receivable Reports and Financial statements
  - o Leo Landaverde presented financials.

**AMBULANCE REPORT**

1. Receive Staff Report on Ambulance Statistical and Administrative Report  
*Statistical Report Chantale Pakosz presented February 2024 operations report to the board which outlined responses and transport for both Counties.*
  - *Total Responses 135, 115 transports for service.*
  - *1 request for service or 1 mutual aid for Merced County*
  - *10 requests for Service to Patterson resulting in 10 transport.*

**ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICE MANAGER COMMENTS**

**LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS**

**BOARD CORRESPONDANCE/COMMENTS**

- *President Brazil thanked Patterson District Ambulance to helping West Side Ambulance and always be support*
- *Director Helms will not attend April 22, 2024 meeting.* -

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Vice President Varnell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Felber at 4:58 p.m.*

**Note:**

1. *In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, a disabled person is requesting a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in this meeting, must contact the district office at (209) 862-2951. Requests must be made as early as possible, preferably one-full business day before the state of the meeting. Any document provided to a majority of the Board of Directors regarding any open session item on this agenda is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the front counter of District Office located at 990 Tulare Street Suite C, Newman CA. Documents or writings received after the general distribution of the agenda are also available for inspection.*

**Attested by**



**David Varnell**

**Vice President/Secretary**