



**WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
Friday, March 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
990 Tulare Street, Suite C Newman CA 95360**

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CALL TO ORDER 2:11 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Please take a moment to silence your cell phones

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

1. Consideration and possible action regarding retention of Kurt Oneto, Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni LLP, for advice and counsel in connection with potential ballot measure



The board meeting held on February 26, 2024 the subcommittee appointed to place a new measure on the November ballot informed the counsel and public that they met with a firm that could analyze if the district could place an initiative on the ballot to pass the measure with at 50% plus 1 vote.

The board expressed interest and asked Legal Counsel to contact the firm Mr. Oneto works for and obtain additional answers and to set a special meeting.

Legal Counsel stated that the firm Nielsen Merksamer Parriello Gross & Leoni LLP could prepare an analysis for the district on whether we could use the initiative power to place a parcel tax measure on the ballot through the collection of voter signatures on an initiative petition.

The law firm would see if the availability of Initiative power in hospital districts, this would determine if the district could move forward with a 50% plus 1 vote for a new measure.

The district would have to find a sponsor for signature collection which the cost could be anywhere between \$30,000.00 to \$50,000.00. It is a citizen vote so no district funds can be used for the initiative. The registered signature would have to be collected, certified, and filed with the Secretary of State.

President Brazil stated he has been talking to the local union TEMSA and they might be able to help with a donation for the collection of signatures.

Director Felber made the motion to enter into an agreement with the firm Merksamer, Parrinello, Gross & Leoni LLP, to prepare an analysis on the availability of Initiative power for the district, cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion was second by Vice President Varnell and carried by a 4-0 vote.



ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m. Recording and Notes did not reflect a motion to adjourn.

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Attested by

David Varnell

Vice President/Secretary

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