



WEST SIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2024 7:00 P.M.  
IF APPLICABLE CLOSE SESSION WILL START AT 6:30 P.M.  
**COMMUNITY BUILDING, KERN STREET  
NEWMAN, CA 95360**

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**CALL TO ORDER** 6:36 p.m.

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**ROLL CALL**

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Board of Directors: Director Felber, Director Helms, Vice President Varnell, President Brazil  
Legal Counsel, Nic Cardella

**CLOSED SESSION**

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- *Public Employment, 54954.2, subd. (a). Interim Chief Administrative Officer Contract Renewal/Modification.*
- *Significant exposure to litigation, 54956.9(b), 01*

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

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**CALL TO ORDER-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** 7:08 p.m.

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*Please take a moment to silence your cell phones*

**REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

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**PRESENTATIONS**

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- *Honored Lori Valdovinos this evening on being an employee of the district for twenty (20) years.*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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- *None*

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

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All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and may be approved by one action of the Board of Directors, unless any member of the Board of Directors wishes to remove an item for separate consideration.

Are there any items on the consent calendar that any member of the public would like to comment on?

### **1. Minutes of the January 22, 2024 Regular Meeting**

Recommendation: Review and Approve

### **2. 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 Felber and carried 4-0 vote.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

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### **3. Proposal from Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP, Kurt R. Oneto, Partner**

*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.*

*The appointed subcommittee to place a measure on the general election in November has been meeting for the past several weeks. The subcommittee recently held a conference call with the firm, Kurt R. Oneto, partner with Nielsen Merksamer Parrinello Gross & Leoni, LLP.*

*The subcommittee spoke with the firm about looking into the possibility to put in initiative on the ballot which would require a 50 plus 1 vote to pass the measure instead of the 2/3 votes to pass.*

*Legal Counsel stated that Kurt supplied a proposed term sheet to the district by email on what the analysis would cover if the district engaged with his company. Legal counsel did state he was unable to have an additional phone call with Kurt prior to the board meeting on questions that the subcommittee had regarding the proposed term sheet. The board could decide on three ways to approach the measure, 2/3 Vote in November 2024, hold a special election or the initiative of 50% plus 1 in November 2024.*

*Members of the boards express interest in holding the initiative of 50% plus 1 on the November ballot. The board gave Legal Counsel permission to reach back out to Kurt to see if the district could get answers to the subcommittee questions and to set and hold a special meeting soon.*

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

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1. *Presentation on Bank Account Balances/Accounts Receivable Reports and Financial statements.*

*Financials presented by Leo Landaverde.*

#### **AMBULANCE REPORT**

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*Statistical Report Chantale Pakosz presented January 2024 operations report to the board which outlined responses and transport for both Counties.*

- *Total Responses 173, 142 transports for service.*
- *No service or mutual aid for Merced County*
- *3 requests for Service to AMR resulting in 1 transport.*
- *Chief Pakosz advised the board of one of our vehicles got in an accident on February 8, 2024. The accident resulted in both of our employees to be transported to the hospital. Staff is waiting on a quote for repairs. The district just received the CHP report.*
- *Chief Pakosz stated that she and President Brazil attended the Merced County OEMCC meeting on February 14, 2024. The new CEO for SEMSA/Riggs was in attendance and introduced at the meeting. He will be researching and discovering if SEMSA/Riggs can continue to fulfill their contract with the county and stay in business with being fined with violation of the contract. Tim Williams, director of OEMCC stated the county will still be going out for RFP in January of 2025.*



**COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE**

**D I S T R I C T**

***CHIEF ADMINSTRATIVE OFFICER***

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***ADMINSTRATIVE SERVICE MANAGER COMMENTS***

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***DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL COMMENTS***

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- *Legal counsel stated he is still looking into the district going "At Large." He also will be proposing a new rate structure for his services next board meeting.*

***BOARD CORRESPONDANCE/COMMENTS***

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- *President Brazil stated he met with the Union and asked for support towards the measure.*
- *Director Helms stated he like to see Union members become active in supporting the measure.*

***ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION***

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***RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION***

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***REPORT FROM CLOSE SESSION***

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***ADJOURNMENT***

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*Vice President Varnell made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Director Helms at 8:30 p.m.*



## COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE

D I S T R I C T

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**Attested by**

  
David Varnell

**Vice President/Secretary**

❖ **BOARD AGENDAS AND MINUTES**

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