

**PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**85 NIELSON STREET, KATHLEEN KING ROOM,
WATSONVILLE CA 95076**

March 26, 2022

Meeting was held in a hybrid format

INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1. CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT: Directors Cox, Nájera, Nuñez, Pimentel, and Chair Friel

2. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Roseann Farris, Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH) Critical Care Nurse, requested the Hospital's nursing staff be kept up to date on any relevant information, which would allow for them to provide support to the Board. She stated the OR department was understaffed.

Fred Castillo, WCH Radiology Department staff, requested the Directors to state their qualifications to help the Hospital succeed. He stated staff needs should be prioritized.

(First name inaudible) Rubalcaba, WCH E.R. Nurse, introduced himself to the Board. He spoke about working towards making WCH a community hospital.

Laura Flanders-Roush, WCH PACU Nurse, requested the OR's staffing issues and the Collection Department's process for billing patients be prioritized.

Mary Boyd, WCH Radiology Department staff, spoke about the various challenges faced by the department due to a lack of staff and proper procedures for billing patients in a timely manner.

(Name inaudible), WCH Radiology Department staff, spoke about equipment needs in the department. He spoke about challenges faced by WCH and its staff with past management. He expressed support for the Board.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

4. **EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS (INFORMATIONAL ITEM)**

a) **Brown Act**

Presentation by Santa Cruz County Chief Assistant Counsel Ruby Márquez

Chair Friel announced a break at 10:24 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m.

b) **Orientation on Basic Hospital Operations**

1st Presentation by Best Best and Krieger Attorney Noël Caughman

2nd Presentation by Founderwerk, Inc. Healthcare Division Managing Director
Cecilia Montalvo

The Board Discussed:

- Joint Commission's accreditation report for Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH)
- Potential for Board members to tour hospital
- Current state of hospital management and purchase process
- Ongoing support for the Board

The meeting was recessed at 11:27 a.m. and reconvened by Chair Friel at 11:35 a.m.

c) **Bankruptcy Transaction and Process for Purchase of the Watsonville Community Hospital**

Presentation by: Pillsbury Law Firm Attorney, Jonathan Doolittle

d) **Pajaro Valley Health Care District - Watsonville Community Hospital Fundraising**

Presentation by Pajaro Valley Health Care District, Dori Rose Inda

The Board Discussed:

- Fund Development Coordinator
- Local donation matching efforts
- Current funding available
- Potential State funding
- Loan options
- Potential banks
- Past Medi-Cal claims
- Leasing rights
- Purchase options
- Current employee paid time off and pension liabilities

Public comment

(First name inaudible) Rubalcaba, WCH E.R. Nurse spoke about the various other hospitals in the region and exploring potential ways to encourage patients to choose WCH.

Roseann Farris, Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH) Critical Care Nurse, requested a contact person to provide suggestions to.

5. Adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Approved: _____
John Friel, Chair

Attest: _____
Irwin Ortiz, City Clerk

Date: _____
NOTE: This set of Board of Directors Minutes is scheduled for approval by the Board on April 7, 2022.