

**PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT HOSPITAL**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**AUGUST 4, 2022**

**7:32 p.m.**

Meeting was held via teleconference

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

PRESENT: Directors Gabriel-Cox, Nuñez, Nájera, Pimentel, and Friel

ABSENT: NONE

**2. CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Laura Flanders-Roush, Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH) Registered Nurse, inquired about the timeline for decisions regarding nurse staffing.

Kiche Rubalcava, WCH Registered Nurse, asked a question regarding reasons for possible changes to nursing staff schedules and positions.

Michael Hudson, WCH Registered Nurse, inquired about the format of communications from the Hospital's Human Resources Department.

Teresa Mack, California Nurses Association (CNA) Labor Representative, spoke about the negative impacts of eliminating part time nursing positions.

Jane Murphy, WCH Registered Nurse, spoke about CNA's contributions to keeping WCH open and stated concerns with eliminating part time nursing positions.

**4. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 8-12)**

**MOTION:** Director Pimentel motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Director Nuñez and carried by the following vote:

AYES: Directors: Gabriel-Cox, Nájera, Nuñez, Pimentel, and Friel  
NOES: Directors: NONE  
ABSENT: Directors: NONE

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**5. TRANSITION UPDATE (EDUCATIONAL ONLY)**

**Recommended Action(s):**

Consider presentation on the transition of the Watsonville Hospital Corporation to new ownership.

A presentation was given by Founderwerk Healthcare Division Managing Director Cecilia Montalvo.

### **Public Input**

The following speakers expressed concerns regarding impacts of potential elimination of part-time nursing positions for WCH:

Lisa Lieberman, WCH Registered Nurse  
Gloria Amaya, WCH Registered Nurse  
Teresa mack, CNA Labor Representative  
Kiche Rubalcava, WCH Registered Nurse  
Mary Boyd, WCH employee  
Opai Adamson, WCH Registered Nurse  
Jessica Wilkins, WCH Registered Nurse

Laura Flanders-Roush spoke about exploring avenues to collect payments for patients to aid with Hospital finances.

The following speakers expressed concerns regarding impacts of elimination of part-time nursing positions and requested information regarding the financial impact on WCH:

Roseann Farris, WCH Registered Nurse  
Lydia Abell, WCH Registered Nurse  
Michelle Rodriguez  
Steve Barrett, WCH Registered Nurse  
Annabelle Covington, WCH Registered Nurse  
Lizzy, WCH Registered Nurse  
Michael Hudson, WCH Registered Nurse  
Ana Ramirez

The Board discussed the following:

- Future staffing plans
- Parties involved in negotiations
- Alternate staffing strategies
- Responsibility to communicate with WCH staff
- Opportunities for WCH to obtain information and answers to questions

## **6. BOARD MEMBER AND STAFF ANNOUCEMENTS AND REQUESTS TO PLACE ITEMS ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

Director Pimentel requested an update on transition plans.

*The meeting was recessed into Closed Session at 9:00 p.m.*

**CLOSED SESSION**

**7. SCHEDULE A CLOSED PERSONNEL AND LITIGATION SESSION TO BE HELD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BOARD'S CONSENT OR REGULAR AGENDA, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME DURING THE COURSE OF THE MEETING ANNOUNCED BY THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD**

**A. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Government Code Section 54957(b)(1))**

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code Section 54957.6)**

Agency Negotiator: Monica Morales

Employees: Chief Executive Officer and California Nurses Association

Report of District Counsel could be given at the conclusion of the Closed Session on any reportable action(s) taken in the Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**8. Approval of Minutes**

a) Board of Directors –Regular Meeting – July 21, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

**9. AB 361 Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings**

**Recommended Action(s):**

- 1) Adopt resolution making findings and ordering the use of teleconference meetings of the Board of Directors due to COVID- 19, pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill 361; and
- 2) Direct Interim District Administrative Staff to return within 30 days with a new resolution addressing the need to continue holding teleconference meetings consistent with the requirements of Assembly Bill 361.

**10. Approve Resolution Authorizing Notice to Attorney General of Pending Transfer of PVHCDHC Assets to the District as Part of the Purchase of Watsonville Community Hospital**

**Recommended Action(s):**

Consider and approve the attached Resolution, which authorizes staff to notify the Attorney General of the pending transaction in which the Hospital non-profit will purchase Watsonville Community Hospital assets and then immediately transfer substantially all of said assets to

the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, with a reservation of rights allowing the new Hospital non-profit to operate Watsonville Community Hospital.

**11. Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest Related to Third-Party Payment of Attorney Fees**

**Recommended Action(s):**

Authorize the Chair of the Board to execute a waiver of a potential conflict of interest related to the Project's payment of the Hospital non-profit's attorney fees.

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John Friel, Chair  
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Irwin Ortiz, City Clerk