

**PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

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**June 16, 2022**

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**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **CONSIDERATION OF LATE ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Any person may address the Board during its Public Comment period. Speakers must not exceed two (2) minutes in length, or the time limit established by the Chair, and individuals may speak only once during Public Comment. All Public Comments must be directed to an item listed on today's Consent Agenda, Closed Session Agenda, yet to be heard on Regular Agenda, or a topic not on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members will not take actions or respond immediately to any public communication presented regarding topics not on the agenda but may choose to follow up later, either individually, or on a subsequent Board of Director's Agenda. Public Comments will normally be received by the Board for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. If, at the end of this period, additional persons wish to address the Board, the Public Comment period may be continued to the last item on the agenda.

4. **ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 7-9)**

5. **REPORT BACK OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD (IF NECESSARY)**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

7. **Approval of Minutes**

- a) Board of Directors – Regular Meeting – June 2, 2022 - 5:00 p.m.

8. **Fundraising Update**

Recommended Action(s):

Accept and file the seventh of recurring updates on fundraising for the acquisition and operation of Watsonville Community Hospital.

9. **AB361 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.

- **End of Consent Agenda** -

**PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
85 NIELSON STREET, KATHLEEN KING ROOM,  
WATSONVILLE CA 95076  
JUNE 2, 2022  
5:01 p.m.**

Meeting was held in a hybrid format

**INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Roseann Faris requested the Pajaro Valley Health Care District’s website be updated to include the Directors’ individual emails.

**4. ACTION ON THE CONSENT AGENDA (ITEMS 7-8)**

At Director Pimentel’s request, Chair Friel removed Consent Agenda Item 8 to be considered separately.

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

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

**5. REPORT BACK OF AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Director Pimentel spoke about the Transition Subcommittee’s progress on a Business Plan, which included purchasing and revenue cycles.

Director Gabriel-Cox stated she and Director Nájera had met with the Clinical Business Planning Subcommittee and discussed challenges faced when onboarding remote providers and received a presentation regarding the Pediatric Service Line at Watsonville Community Hospital (WCH).

Director Nájera spoke about the Fundraising Subcommittee's progress, stated they were close to meeting the \$1.75 million goal that Driscoll's would match, and were ready to move to Phase 2 of the fundraising efforts.

## 8. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

An oral report was given by County of Santa Cruz Health Services Agency Assistant Director Tiffany Cantrell-Warren.

### Public Input

Steve Nelson requested a breakdown of the allocation of funds raised be made available to the public.

The Board discussed the following:

- Acquisition and Operational budgets
- Allocation of funds raised
- Yearly funding necessary to operate WCH

**MOTION:** Director Pimentel motion to accept and file the sixth of recurring updates on fundraising for the acquisition and operation of WCH. Seconded by Director Nájera and carried by the following vote:

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

## REGULAR AGENDA

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

Director Pimentel spoke about his participation in Congressman Panetta's tour of WCH during which immediate and future needs of the Hospital were discussed.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Board of Directors – Regular Meeting – May 19, 2022 – 5:00 p.m.

### 8. Fundraising Update

- 1) Accept and file the sixth of recurring updates on fundraising for the acquisition and operation of Watsonville Community Hospital.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

John Friel, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Irwin Ortiz, City Clerk



**Consent Item 8****From:** Interim District Administrative Staff**Subject:** Fundraising Update**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2022**Recommended Actions**

Accept and file the seventh of recurring updates on fundraising for the acquisition and operation of Watsonville Community Hospital.

**Executive Summary**

Staff have prepared an update on fundraising for the acquisition and operation of Watsonville Community Hospital. The Capital requirements for the purchase and operational deficits of the hospital total \$62,710,000, with a stretch goal of \$63,000,000. As of June 6, 2022, the Pajaro Valley Healthcare District Project's efforts have raised \$25,355,860 in committed funds towards this effort. An anticipated \$20,000,000 in funds is expected from a prior request of the State of California in its FY23 budget.

**Background/Analysis**

Notable Contributions as of June 6, 2022 include:

<b>PVHDP Donors over \$5,000</b>	
To be listed as:	Amount
Blue Shield of California	\$1,000,000
Central California Alliance for Health	\$3,000,000
Chinese Community of Watsonville	\$50,000
City of Watsonville	\$130,000
Donald Cooley	\$10,000
Community Health Trust of Pajaro Valley	\$6,000,000
County of Santa Cruz	\$5,500,000
Dobler & Sons	\$100,000
Dominican Hospital	\$300,000
Bruce and Heidi Donald	\$5,000
Driscoll's, Inc.	\$1,750,000
John & Caroline Eiskamp and J.E. Farms, Inc.	\$10,000
Graniterock	\$10,000
Graniterock/Woolpert Family Fund	\$10,000
Kaiser Permanente	\$3,000,000
Kimberly and Paul Lego	\$10,000
Michael and Mary Anne Lutz	\$5,000
County of Monterey	\$3,000,000
Amy Newell	\$10,000
Rowland and Pat Rebele	\$50,000
Robert and Carol Simpkins Family Fund	\$50,000
Stanford Children's Hospital	\$1,084,000
Betty Sutherland	\$20,000
Tut Family	\$10,000
Watsonville Community Hospital Medical Staff	\$55,000
WCH Emergency Department Vitiuity Providers	\$50,000

Connie and Tom Wilson	\$5,000
Geo H. Wilson Fund	\$7,500
Sue H. Wilson and Family	\$25,000

During the period from May 27 through June 6, 2022:

- As of June 1, 2022, the Driscoll's challenge grant raised \$3,331,715; Driscoll's confirmed that they will donate \$1.75 million
- As of June 6, 2022, 280 donors have contributed to the hospital campaign

**Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

**Consent Item 9****From:** Interim District Administrative Staff**Subject:** AB 361 Resolution Authorizing Teleconference Meetings**Meeting Date:** June 16, 2022**Recommended Actions:**

- 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.

**Executive Summary**

As a result of the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, many local agencies have been holding teleconference meetings under the modified rules authorized under Assembly Bill 361. This item asks the Board to adopt a resolution ordering the use of teleconference meetings under the modified rules. This will allow District Board members to appear at meetings remotely if they choose to do so.

**Background**

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to Government Code section 8550 et seq., which remains in effect. Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361") allows legislative bodies to hold teleconference meetings during declared emergencies as long as they follow designated rules, and the legislative body routinely reviews the need to continue holding such teleconference meetings.

On September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel issued a strong recommendation that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended. Dr. Newel's recommendation remains in effect.

**Analysis**

Many local legislative bodies have recognized that COVID-19 presents a continuing threat to the Santa Cruz County community and that there is an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of those who participate in public meetings. Requiring all members of legislative bodies to appear in-person at meetings presents greater risk to the health and safety of meeting participants, including reduced social distancing among people of different communities, increased exposure for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated, and challenges associated with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination, face coverings, and other safety measures at such public meetings.

Pursuant to AB 361, a legislative body can hold teleconference meetings under the modified AB 361 teleconferencing rules if a state of emergency remains active, or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, as long as the legislative body reconsiders the circumstances of the state of emergency and determines either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing.

The Governor's emergency proclamation has not been lifted and Dr. Newel's social distancing recommendation remains in effect. The dangers presented by returning to non-emergency meeting protocols remain. Staff recommends that the Board adopt the draft resolution accompanying this item, which contains the findings necessary to hold teleconference meetings under the modified Brown Act rules.

**Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact associated with this item.

**Attachment(s)**

- A. Resolution AB361

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE PAJARO VALLEY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT**

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

On the motion of Director  
Duly seconded by Director  
The following resolution is adopted.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS UNDER ASSEMBLY  
BILL 361 AS A RESULT OF THE CONTINUING COVID-19 PANDEMIC STATE OF  
EMERGENCY AND HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL  
DISTANCING**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom issued a Proclamation of State of Emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to California Government Code section 8550 et seq., which remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 that suspended the teleconferencing rules set forth in the California Open Meeting law, known as the Ralph M. Brown Act, and codified in California Government Code section 54950 et seq., provided that certain requirements were met and followed; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21 which further extended the suspension of the teleconferencing rules set forth in the Brown Act and clarified that the provisions issued in N-29-20 would remain in effect through September 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 ("AB 361"), which amended Government Code section 54953 to permit legislative bodies subject to the Brown Act to continue to meet under modified teleconferencing rules provided that they comply with specific requirements set forth in the statute; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to AB 361, a legislative body may hold an initial teleconference meeting under the modified teleconferencing rules during a proclaimed state of emergency where local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 30, 2021, Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer Dr. Gail Newel strongly recommended that legislative bodies in Santa Cruz County

continue to engage in physical/social distancing by meeting via teleconference as allowed by AB 361 and confirmed that she will regularly review and reconsider this recommendation and notify the public when it is no longer recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, after its initial AB 361 teleconference meeting, a legislative body can continue to hold such teleconference meetings if a state of emergency remains active, or local officials have recommended measures to promote social distancing, if the legislative body has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency and determined either that the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person or that local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, the findings set forth in the paragraph immediately above must be made within 30 days of the date the legislative body first held a teleconferenced meeting pursuant to AB 361, and every 30 days thereafter, for as long as the legislative body wishes to hold such teleconference meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the District has an important governmental interest in protecting the health, safety, and welfare of those who participate in meetings of the District; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board finds that there is a continuing threat of COVID-19 to the community and finds that requiring all Board members to appear in-person at meetings presents greater risk to the health and safety of meeting participants stemming from reduced social distancing among people of different communities, increased exposure for those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated, and challenges associated with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination, face coverings, and other safety measures at such public meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board meets in-person in a facility where other functions take place, such that increasing the number of people present may impair the safety of participants and members of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, as required by AB 361, this Board has considered the circumstances of the current state of emergency and finds that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to directly impact the ability of Board members to meet safely in person and further finds that the Santa Cruz County Public Health Officer continues to recommend measures to promote social distancing; and

**WHEREAS**, in the interest of public health and safety, due to the emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19 the Board of Directors deems it necessary to utilize the modified teleconferencing rules set forth in AB 361;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District hereby RESOLVES and ORDERS as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are adopted as findings of the Board of Directors as set forth within the body of this Resolution.

**Section 2.** Effective immediately, for the next 30 days the Board of Directors will meet using the modified teleconference rules authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 3.** Interim District Administrative Staff is directed to return no later than thirty (30) days after the adoption of this Resolution with an item requesting the Board to reconsider the circumstances of the COVID-19 state of emergency and, if necessary, consider adoption of a subsequent Resolution to continue using the modified teleconference rules for meetings in accordance with Government Code section 54953(e)(3).

**Section 4.** Interim District Administrative Staff is authorized and directed to take all such other necessary or appropriate actions to implement the intent and purposes of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by the following vote:

- AYES:
- NOES:
- ABSENT:
- ABSTAIN:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair, Board of Directors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to Form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
District Counsel