



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
January 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Convened on site restricted to board members and staff; public invited to attend via GoToMeeting, an electronic, remote-site platform temporarily permitted as per the Executive Order issued by California's Governor in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Mission Statement:** *To improve the health and wellness of the communities we serve.*
- **Vision:** *A healthy Morongo Basin.*
- **Core Values:** *Commitment, Collaboration, Accountability, Dignity, Integrity.*

Board of Directors:

- Director Brown
- Director Evans
- Director Markle-Greenhouse
- Director Savitt

Administrative Staff:

- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Cindy Schmall, CEO
- Angela Wilhite, HR Director
- Ana Nunez, administrative assistant

Guests:

- Pat Cooper, candidate
- Supinda Sirihekaphong, candidate
- Cecelia St. Clair, candidate

CALL TO ORDER

Director Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was convened on the La Contenta campus and by electronic platform using Go-To-Meeting.

ROLL CALL

Karen Graley, Board Clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum.

OBSERVANCES

Director Savitt read the mission, vision, and core value statements.
Director Brown led the assembly in the pledge to the American flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were initially presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 22-10: Director Brown motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; motion was seconded by Director Savitt; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATES AND DISCUSSION – Director Evans

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1780, Morongo Basin Healthcare District intends to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors at this special meeting. The Board of Directors may select any duly qualified person within its discretion.

Candidates being considered for appointment have submitted a Letter of Interest and Qualifications as per instructed in the Notice of Vacancy dates December 16, 2021. Candidates have met the minimum requirements of maintaining a primary residence within the District's



geographic boundaries; are registered to vote in San Bernardino County; and have submitted the other specified documentation and information.

The qualifying candidates are:

- Patricia Cooper of Yucca Valley
- Supinda Sirihekaphong of 29 Palms
- Cecelia St. Clair of Yucca Valley

The board members interviewed the candidates through prescribed questions so that each candidate was asked the same question. Each had opportunity to answer the questions. Discussion between board members followed.

ACTION ITEMS

APPOINTMENT TO VACANT SEAT – Director Evans

- **Motion 22-11:** Director Savitt motioned to appoint Supinda Sirihekaphong to fulfill the board vacancy for the remainder of the term of office, December 2022; motion seconded by Director Brown; the motion passed by unanimous vote.

OATH OF OFFICE – Karen Graley, board clerk

Supinda Sirihekaphong took the oath of office before the Board of Directors and was seated on the board.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

DIRECTOR SAVITT: She thanked all three candidates for applying and said she enjoyed hearing about their personal experiences, she thanked them for their service

DIRECTOR BROWN: Said he appreciated the candidates stepping up in support of the District. The history and experience represented tonight is impressive. He congratulated Supinda Sirihekaphong for being seated on the board.

DIRECTOR GREENHOUSE: She thanked Angela and Ana for being present, and thanked the candidates for their service.


DIRECTOR EVANS: Congratulated Supinda Sirihekaphong on the appointment to the Board of Directors. She thanked the candidates for applying and reminded the assembly that the CHC board is very important. She told Pat Cooper and Cecelia St. Clair we need you to continue to support the work of the CHC. She announced that there are three vacancies on the CHC board, two patient seats and one community member seat; staff are recruiting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Board meeting minutes recorded by K. Graley, Board Clerk.


Misty Evans, President
President


Greg Brown, Secretary
Secretary