



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Convened on the La Contenta campus; the public was invited to attend the meeting on campus or via Microsoft Teams, an electronic, remote-site platform.

- **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, Equity.*

Board of Directors:

- Director Cooper
- Director Evans - Sharma
- Director Markle-Greenhouse
- Director Stiemsma

Administrative Staff:

- Cindy Schmall, CEO
- Karen Graley, board clerk (*remote*)
- Beverly Krushat, Executive Assistant

- Candidate Jackie Todd
- Guest: Joan Valenti

CALL TO ORDER

Director Evans called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was convened on the La Contenta campus and by electronic platform using Microsoft Teams platform.

ROLL CALL

Karen Graley, board clerk, conducted roll call and declared a quorum.

OBSERVANCES

Director Evans led the assembly in the pledge of allegiance to the American flag.
Director Stiemsma read the mission and vision statements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 24-42: Director Stiemsma motioned to approve the agenda as presented; second by Director Greenhouse; motion passed by unanimous vote.

INTERVIEW OF CANDIDATE AND DISCUSSION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 1780, Morongo Basin Healthcare District Board of Directors convened this special meeting with the intent to fill the vacant seat on the board (Deborah Savitt). After publishing the Notice of Vacancy as prescribed by California healthcare law, a Letter of Interest was received from one candidate, Jackie Todd. She is a registered voter in San Bernardino County and lives within voting-zone #3 as defined by the redistricting map for Morongo Basin Health District.

Director Evans thanked Jackie Todd for her Letter of Interest and explained the process for appointing the vacant seat. Director Evans began the interview process with an overview of the District and its purpose and function. Each of the Directors introduced themselves and stated how many years they have served on the Board of Directors. She then invited the Directors to ask questions of Jackie Todd for the interview process.



Director Greenhouse: “Tell us about your experience serving on the Community Health Center (CHC) governing board. What did you like best about it?”

- “I’m happy to volunteer on the CHC board. It’s been interesting to learn about the community and the services the health center provides. I appreciate being informed about community events sponsored by the healthcare District, like the health fairs.”

Director Cooper continued: “What do you see as the greatest challenge facing the healthcare district?”

- “The operations budget, reaching out to patients, and now, I have a better understanding about getting community members to serve on the District’s boards.”

Director Stiemsma: “Thank you for stepping up as a community member to serve on the CHC and District boards. What is one strength you feel you will bring to the board as we conduct District business?”

- “I am available and able to serve. I have the time. I’ve been around the District long enough to have a good perspective on the community.”

Director Cooper: “Will you be able to attend the regular monthly business meetings on the first Thursday of the month, as well as the occasional special meetings of the board to conduct district business?”

- Ms. Todd answered in the affirmative and said she will do her best to coordinate her personal travels with the board calendar. “I’ve made it a priority.”

Director Evans: “Do you understand that this term of office will conclude on December 31, 2024 and that to continue serving on the board you would need to place your name on the November ballot? “

- She affirmed she understands. Director Evans encouraged her to seek election for a full term.

Director Evans invited Ms. Todd to ask questions. She had none at the time.

ACTION ITEM

- *Motion 24-43* motion by Director Greenhouse, second by Director Stiemsma to appoint Jackie Todd to fulfill the board vacancy for the remainder of the year, December 31, 2024; motion passed by unanimous vote.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

CEO Cindy Schmall administered the Oath of Office. The Directors clapped and welcomed Ms. Todd to the board. They assembled for a photoshoot.

DIRECTOR COMMENTS

DIRECTOR GREENHOUSE: Welcomed Ms. Todd to the board, “We have a great board and have accomplished so much together. We have impacted this Basin with everything we do. The community is first.”

DIRECTOR TODD: “Yes, the District has done so much for our community, and I share about it when I can. I’m a free agent and have a flexible calendar and look forward to supporting this board.”



DIRECTOR STIEMSMA: “I wasn’t aware of your background and was pleased to discover you bring some good experience to this board. Welcome!”

DIRECTOR COOPER: “I’m thrilled that you are here!”

DIRECTOR EVANS: “Welcome, Jackie. Call any of us with questions you may have.”

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.



Heidi Stiemsma, Secretary of the Board

Minutes transcribed by Karen Graley, board clerk.