



Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District dba
Morongo Basin Healthcare District
MINUTES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC HEARING
December 5, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Convened on the La Contenta campus; the public was invited to attend the meeting on campus or via Microsoft Teams, an electronic, remote 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
- Director Markle-Greenhouse
- Director Stiemsma
- Jacquelin Todd

CHC Governing Board:

- CEO Cindy Schmall
- Debbie Anderson, CFO
- Tricia Gehrlein, Chief Patient Experience Officer
- Karen Graley, Board Clerk
- Beverly Krushat, Executive Assistant
- Janeen Duff, Grants & Special Program Manager

Community Members:

- Marc Greenhous, CHC board member

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 Microsoft Teams platform.

ROLL CALL

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

OBSERVANCES

Director Stiemsma read the mission and vision statements. Director Evans led the assembly in the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion 24-72: Director Stiemsma motioned to approve the meeting agenda as presented; second by Director Greenhouse and passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Director Evans read the statement for the Public Hearing as presented on the agenda.

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 32103, the Board of Directors of Hi-Desert Memorial Health Care District (doing business as Morongo Basin Healthcare District) has convened a Public Hearing to receive public comment and consider adoption of a resolution increasing Board member compensation from \$105 per day to \$110 per day for attendance at a meeting of the Board.

Notice of Public Hearing was posted November 20, 2024, and two legal notices were published in the local newspapers on November 20 and 27, 2024, inviting the public to attend the Public Hearing and provide oral and/or written comments.

The text of the proposed Resolution 24-03 adopting the increased stipend was incorporated into the posted agenda for reference. The resolution will be considered by the Directors at the regular monthly business meeting following this public hearing.



Director Evans asked for public comment. Karen Graley, board clerk, announced no written or verbal response from the public had been received. There was no public present at the meeting.

There was discussion about the Resolution. Cindy Schmall, CEO, asked the board's pleasure for making the increase an annual business agenda item. The discussion was deferred to the regular business meeting following this meeting.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m. to the regular monthly business meeting.



Heidi Stiemsma, Secretary of the Board

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