



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
MINUTES

Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 5:00 PM
Redwoods Room, Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Campus
700 River Drive, Fort Bragg, CA.

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

This meeting was held in-person and by teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act.

Directors Present: Chair Paul Garza, Jr. Vice Chair Jan McGourty
 Secretary Susan Savage Treasurer Lynn Finley
 Paul Katzeff

A quorum of the Board was present.

Management Team: Agency Administrator Katharine Wylie
 Chief Financial Officer Wayne Allen
 District Legal Counsel Craig Steele
 Clerk of the Board Norma I. Alley, MMC

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

This item was heard out of order.

3. CLOSED SESSION

3a) Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, 700 River Drive, Fort Bragg, Ca.

District Negotiators: Wayne Allen, Chief Restructuring Officer, MCHCD.

Negotiating party: Eric Stevens, President, Northern California Network, Adventist Health.

Under negotiation: Terms of the Lease Agreement, dated July 1, 2020.

3b) Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, 721 River Drive, Fort Bragg, Ca.

District Negotiators: Appointed District ad hoc Subcommittee and legal counsel. Negotiating parties: GL Bruno, Agent, Mendocino Coast Medical Plaza, LLC.

Under negotiation: price and terms of payment.

3c) Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(4): Conference with Legal Counsel: Initiation of Litigation: One (1) potential case.

Chair Garza announced the Closed Session items.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the Closed Session items.

Seeing no additional comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Chair Garza called a recess and led the Board into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:05 p.m.

3d) Report Out from Closed Session

Chair Garza reported the Board directed staff to post the 60 day notice on the website and take action to close the 60 day least agreement discussions. He reported there was not reportable action on Items 3b or 3c.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

This item was heard out of order.

Chair Garza called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5d) Receive and consider adoption of the Board Bylaws amendment, dated 2/27/2025

This item was heard out of order.

Chair Garza and Agency Administrator Wylie presented the report summarizing the recommended edits and fielded inquiries from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Gabriel Maroney provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

General discussion amongst the Board commenced regarding the appointment of public members, Chair's role, and general responsibilities of the Planning Committee.

Motion: Vice Chair McGourty made a motion to remove Article III, Section 2: Standing Committees. Planning’s third bullet point language “Recommending and overseeing Human Resource policies, compensation”. Motion was seconded by Secretary Savage. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Abstain (Katzeff) vote.

Motion: Vice Chair McGourty made a motion to remove Article III, Section 2: Standing Committees. Planning’s language stating “and up to Six community members,”. Motion was seconded by Chair Garza. The motion failed by a 2 Yes/3 No (Finely/Katzeff/Savage) vote.

Motion: Vice Chair McGourty made a motion to retain Article III, Section 2: Standing Committees. Planning’s fourth bullet point language “Recommending community members as appropriate for Board appointment to the Planning Committee.”. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Finley. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Abstain (Katzeff) vote.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to retain Article III, Section 2: Standing Committees. Finance’s language stating “and up to Six community members,”. Motion was seconded by Chair Garza. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

4. REPORTS

4a) Receive and file February 2025 MCHCD Chair’s Report

Chair Garza reported on his written report and provided updates on general matters of interest to the District.

4b) Receive and file Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Report

No report was provided.

4c) Receive and file February 2025 Agency Administrator’s Report

Administrator Wylie provided updates on general matters of the District and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Gabriel Maroney provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

General discussion commenced amongst the Board. The Board directed staff to draft a letter to the Legislation opposing the Legislative resolution restricting funding for medical agencies.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5a) Receive and file Check Register Report - 1/31/25; Actual vs. Budget Report - 1/31/25; Treasury Bill Inventory Portfolio - 1/31/25; and Summary of Cash Balances - 1/31/25

Chief Financial Officer Allen summarized his written report.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Terry Ramos provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comments.

Motion: Treasurer Finley made a motion to accept, receive, and file the financial reports. Motion was seconded by Secretary Savage. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/0 No/1 Abstain (Katzeff) vote.

5b) Receive and consider approval of Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Capital Expense Reconciliation Report dated 7/1/2020 through 1/31/2025, recognizing \$4,283,815 of additional CapEx purchases and a cash transfer of \$667,141 from the Operations Fund into the Improvements Fund

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Facilities Manager Peter Johnston and Chief Financial Officer Allen summarized the written report and requested approval of the Capital Expense Reconciliation Report.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Terry Ramos provided general comments regarding the presentation.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Vice Chair McGourty made a motion to accept and approve the Capital Expense Reconciliation Report. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Finley. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

5c) Receive and consider adoption of the Board Mission Statement revision, dated 2/17/2025

Agency Administrator Wylie presented the report.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Gabriel Maroney provided general comments to the agenda item.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Vice Chair McGourty made a motion to adopt the revised Mission Statement. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Finley. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

5d) Receive and consider adoption of the Board Bylaws amendment, dated 2/27/2025

This item was heard out of order.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6a) Draft Minutes of the 1/23/2025 Regular meeting**
- 6b) Draft Minutes of the 2/17/2025 Special Board Workshop meeting**
- 6c) Savings Bank Resolution 2025-4 to obtain district bank statements**

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald spoke to Item 6c inquiring regarding the need for the Treasurer as a signer and purpose of resolution.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Chair Garza fielded the inquiry from public comment.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Finley. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

7. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Treasurer Finley requested an Ad Hoc Committee be considered to bring community organizations together with the purpose to discuss gaps in health needs in the community. Chair Garza requested an agenda item at the next Board Meeting for discussion and consideration.

Director Katzeff requested a report on Mr. Macdonald's public records request and it be resolved in an honorable manner, noted the Ad Hoc Committee on the hospice store will reconvene. Chair Garza replaced Treasurer Finley with Secretary Savage as the Ad Hoc Committee Member and requested a report be provided at the next Board Meeting.

Vice Chair McGourty noted the Ad Hoc Committee on Community Meetings will be provided at the next Board Meeting, requested discussion at the next Board Meeting for memberships of professional organizations, reported she had been working on the possibility of the Neva-Canon Room be a location for future Board Meetings.

Secretary Savage requested a report regarding Measure C at the next Board Meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business, Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Norma I. Alley, MMC, Clerk of the Board