

PIONEERS MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
207 West Legion Road, Brawley, CA 92227  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Monday, April 17, 2023  
4:00 pm  
PMH Auditorium

## **Minutes**

***PMHD MISSION: Quality healthcare and compassionate service for families of the Imperial Valley***

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**I. CALL TO ORDER** (*time: 4:00 pm – 4:15 pm*)

President Santillan called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the PMH Auditorium

**A. Roll Call**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

Katy Santillan, President  
Enola Berker, Vice President  
Rachel Fonseca, Secretary  
Linda Rubin, Treasurer  
Nick Aguirre, Asst.  
Secretary/Treasurer

**STAFF:**

Damon Sorensen, Interim CEO  
Carly Loper, CFO  
Sally Nguyen, General Counsel

**GUESTS:**

Carly Zamora, Chief of Clinics

**B. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Director Aguirre, seconded by Director Fonseca. **The motion was unanimously carried.**

**II. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Aguirre advised that the north-end Clergy let him know that they are enjoying the registration process at Pioneers.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – At this time, the Board will hear comments on any agenda item and on any item not on this agenda. If any person wishes to be

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heard, he or she shall stand; address the chairperson and state the subject, or subjects, upon which he or she desires to comment. Time limit for each speaker is 5 minutes. A total of 15 minutes shall be allocated for each item. (time: 4:15 pm – 4:30 pm)

Mr. Sorensen introduced Ms. Michelle Ramirez the new Marketing & Public Relations Director for the District. Mr. Sorensen advised that Ms. Ramirez has a lot of experience in marketing and building community relations and we are happy to have her on our team. The Board welcomed Ms. Ramirez to PMHD.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS** (time: 4:30 pm – 4:45 pm)

**There was no old business.**

**V. REVIEW OF OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION** – The Board will consider and may take action on the following: (time: 4:45 pm – 5:45 pm)

- A. Authorize Agreement for Evaluation of ICU Beds for Purchase with Hill-Rom  
Contract Value: Option 1 - \$37,470/ Option 2 - \$65,000; Contract Term: Two (2) years;  
Budgeted: No; Budget Classification: Capital

Ms. Loper reported that there is a great need for new beds in the ICU. There seems to be a huge demand for these beds and there are only 20 available across the country, but we were able to find a vendor that is willing to hold them for us. The option Ms. Loper is recommending is option one as listed on the write-up. The need for beds has come up during our safety huddle several times already. A motion was made to authorize the staff to pursue option one first and then move to option two, if the first option is not available, for purchase of the beds by Director Berker, seconded by Director Rubin. **The motion was unanimously carried.**

**VI. CLOSED SESSION** – The following matters will be considered by the Board in closed session; the Board will reconvene in open session to announce any action taken on matters considered in closed session. (time: 5:45 pm – 6:55 pm)

- A. CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS INVOLVING TRADE SECRETS – Safe Harbor: Health and Safety Code §32106, subparagraph (b)

1. Based on the Board's prior findings regarding Trade Secret classification, as contained in Resolution 2023-01, consideration, and discussion of possible initiation of the following:
  - a. Updating Certain District Strategic Planning Initiatives

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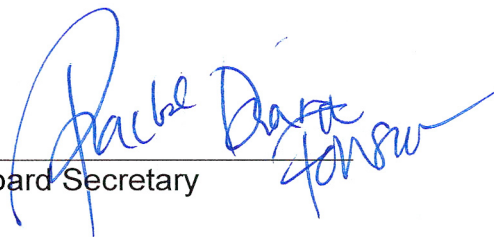
**VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** *(time: 6:55 – 7:00 pm)*

A. Take Actions as Required on Closed Session Matters

**There were no reportable actions taken in closed session.**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT** *(time: 7: 00 pm)*

The meeting was adjourned to the next meeting.

  
Board Secretary

  
Clerk of the Board