

Summary of Proceedings - Minutes
EAST KERN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Special Meeting of JUNE 26, 2024, 5 p.m.

MISSION STATEMENT: "Building health, well-being, and resiliency."

(Note: Motions are identified by maker's name in bold **First: Second**)

Video Time Code	Item	Action
2:02	1. Pledge of Allegiance	At 5:20 pm
2:27	2. Roll Call and Call to Order	<p>General Counsel Alex Lemieux stated, "AB 2449 amended Government Code Section, 540953 by allowing remote attendance by telephone for a Board Member if there is a 'Just Cause' or emergency situation. Just Cause can mean things such as contagious illness, childcare, caregiving needs of a child, parent, et cetera. An emergency situation refers to a physical or family emergency that prevents a member from attending in person. Director Patrick, do you believe that a Just Cause or emergency situation applies to you in this situation?"</p> <p>Director Patrick stated that she had a Just Cause need, due to childcare, to utilize the provisions of AB 2449. Counsel Alex Lemieux said, "Okay, so based on my understanding of AB 2449, the Board can treat that as the Just Cause for purposes of allowing remote attendance for Director Patrick at this meeting."</p> <p>Present were: L. Peralta, K. Macedonio, L. Patrick, and the meeting was called to order by Chair Macedonio at 5:20 p.m.</p>
4:32	3. Approval of Agenda	<p>Chair Macedonio removed item 6D from the Consent Calendar for the District's budget for FY 2024-25 to bring back at the July 2 meeting. This moves item 9 A and B to immediately after the approval.</p> <p>Motion: Approve agenda</p> <p>L Peralta: L. Patrick Motion Carried, 3-0</p>
8:45	4. Public Comment	<p>A member of the public identified as Jessica asked questions related to the video recording of the April 16, 2024, meeting, and regarding a Public Records Act Request that was submitted via email. General Counsel Alex Lemieux stated the estimated date of</p>

		<p>completion would be by the middle of August, and if that date changes, he'll provide a written update.</p> <p>A member of the public, Patty, stated on behalf of the Mojave Desert News her condolences to the East Kern Health Care District on the passing of Director Richard Macedonio. She further extended her sympathies and condolences to Madam President, Karen Macedonio.</p>
12:56	5. Community Announcements	A member of the public, Jessica, stated that the Desert Rose Garden Club's release of ladybugs is occurring on June 29 th at 10am, at Central Park in California City; the community is invited. .
14:15 6A-pp. 5-12 of packet 6B – pp.33-34 of packet 6C - pp. 13-16/pkt	6. Consent Calendar: 6A. Financial Reports 6B. Approve Warrants 6C. Minutes of 06/04/24 6D. Review and discuss FY Budget 2024-25	<p>6A. A financial report was made on the District's finances which included updated cash assets, a recent catch-up in tax revenue collection, stable ongoing expenses, and regular payroll operations with voluntary employee contributions to a savings program.</p> <p>6B. The Board reviewed the warrant list.</p> <p>6C. No questions.</p> <p>6D. Item was pulled and will be moved to July 2nd regular meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Consent Calendar. L Peralta: L Patrick. Motion Carried, 3-0.</p>
18:49 pp. 9-10 of agenda	7. Facility Reports 7A. 8101 Bay Ave. 7B. 9278, 9300, and 9350 N. Loop	<p>7.A-B</p> <p>Joselito reported there was an issue with flickering lights in an office at the West Point in the 9300 building. The decision was made to upgrade those lights to LED during a service call, as it was more cost-effective than paying for the service call alone. The upgrade was completed last week.</p> <p>This item and reports were information-only; no votes were taken.</p>
19:23 pp.35-50/pkt	8. Continued Business 8A. Status of Annexation application submission to LAFCo 8.B Strategic Plan	<p>8A. It was reported that the annexation application has been submitted to LAFCO; there are some questions to LAFCO regarding documents submitted versus model documents. The CEQA Declaration of Exemption has been signed.</p> <p>8B. Tom from Ridgecrest Regional stated they will be working on a community needs assessment to determine the community's primary care coverage and access to healthcare services. There will be more discussion on the Strategic Plan process at the July16th meeting. Chair Macedonio stated they found historical documents from 1975 that provide valuable insights into past and</p>

		<p>present changes. These documents contain interesting information about the evolution of the strategic plan.</p> <p>There was no action related to this item.</p>
<p>25:01 9A- pp.17- 18 of packet</p>	<p>9. New Business 9A. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0618-1: Election Resolution Kern County: Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern to Permit Election Services for a General District Election in November 2024</p>	<p>9A. General Counsel Alex Lemieux stated these resolutions are necessary to request Kern County and San Bernardino County to render election services for the East Kern Healthcare District for the November 5 election, to cover the seats that are up in November.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Resolution L Peralta: L. Patrick Motion Carried, 3-0.</p>
<p>9B- pp.19- 20 of packet</p>	<p>9B. RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-0618-2: Election Resolution San Bernardino County: Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino to Permit Election Services for a General District Election in November 2024</p>	<p>9B. Chair Macedonio stated this election resolution for San Bernardino County requesting that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino permit election services for a general district election In November of 2024,</p> <p>Motion: Approve Resolution L Peralta: L. Patrick Motion Carried, 3-0.</p>
<p>9C- p.21-28 of packet</p>	<p>9C. Approve Nigro & Nigro audit contract fiscal year 2023-24 ending 6/30/24</p>	<p>9C. It was reported the District is satisfied with Nigro & Nigro's services, appreciates their consistent pricing, and anticipates a smooth transition into the new fiscal year with improved financial statements.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Contract L Peralta: L Patrick Motion Carried, 3-0.</p>
	<p>9D. Consideration of Award of Shade Covering Project at 9350 N. Loop to Clearview Homes, Inc, in the amount of \$69,000.00.</p>	<p>9D. It was reported the successful receipt and evaluation of a single bid for a construction project, with the bid amount deemed reasonable and within the expected range.</p> <p>Motion: Approve Contract L Peralta: L. Patrick Motion Carried, 3-0.</p>
<p>32:03</p>	<p>10. Closed Session</p>	<p>The Board moved into Closed Session for discussion of those items enumerated on the agenda cover.</p>

49:08	11. Report Out of Closed Session	Upon return to Open Session, General Counsel Alex Lemieux stated, "The Board met in Closed Session on the four items indicated on the agenda, CS1, CS2 and CS3 are each conference with real property negotiator, the agency negotiator is Alex Lemieux and under negotiation is price in terms of payment. CS1 concerns the property located at 9300 North Loop Boulevard and 8101 Bay Avenue, both in California City. CS2 concerns the property at 9350 North Loop Boulevard, including the modular unit in California City. CS3 includes the properties at North Loop and B Avenue locations. Generally speaking, CS4 was public employee appointment pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, B1, and title, Administrative Assistant. The Board took no reportable action on any of these four items, CS1-4. That concludes the attorney's Closed Session report."
55:38	12. President's Comments	Chair Macedonio shared the need to complete the employee handbook update, review the administrative code from 2019, and ensure the agenda management by RGS aligns with the administrative code. These actions are part of ongoing administrative efforts to maintain organizational efficiency and compliance.
56:10	13. Directors' Comments	Director Peralta shared the need to complete the Ad Hoc Committee Handbook and asked attorney Alex Lemieux to continue with the revisions.
1:05:26 pp.29-30 and 31-32	14. Future Agenda Items	Others future agenda items include the urgent response to the Grand Jury report, updates on the Logic Model, grants and procedures, the employee handbook, strategic partnerships, and a review of the website. The President emphasizes the need to comply with deadlines and ensure the Board is informed and prepared to address these issues.
1:08:02	Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn at 6:26 p.m. L Peralta: L Patrick Motion Carried, 3-0