

ACTION MINUTES
EAST KERN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5 p.m. Tuesday February 17, 2026, (Hybrid)

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

Video Time Code	ITEM AS AGENDIZED	BOARD ACTION Motions are identified in bold as First: Second
5:13PM	1. Open Meeting	LaMiya Patrick
5:13PM	A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION	Lois Peralta
5:14PM	B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	Present: Peralta. L Rojas. J, Royten. S, Macedonio. K, Patrick. L Director Patrick. L arrived at 5:13PM

<p>5:15PM</p>	<p>C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Agenda item VI (d) Payroll Online Process (e) Budget Discussion</p>	<p>It was noted that Agenda Item II(a) will be presented at the start of the meeting within the presentation section instead of under New Business. Additionally, Agenda Items VI(d) and VI(e) will be repositioned under Agenda Item II.</p> <p>Motion Rojas. J, Peralta, Motion Carried 5-0 Rojas. J, Peralta. L, Royten. S, Macedonio. K Patrick. L</p> <p>d. Agenda Item VI Item (d) moved to agenda item II(b) item 5.</p> <p>e. Agenda Item VI item (e) moved to agenda item II (b) Item 6.</p>
<p>5:31PM</p>	<p>II. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>B. Eva Hebebrand (Financials)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Balance Sheet unaudited December 2025 2. Profit and Loss unaudited December 2025 3. Check detail 2025 Budget Comparison December 2025 4. Form 941 4th quarter 5. Payroll Online Process 6. Budget Discussion 	<p>Information Only</p> <p>Agenda item IV, Item (d) and (e) to agenda item II (b) item 5 and 6.</p>

CONT	C. Vendor Payments	C. INFORMATION ONLY
5:53PM	III. PUBLIC COMMENTS	NO COMMENTS
5:54PM	IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENT	NO COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT.
5:54PM	V. Staff Report Conference 1. Special District Legislative Day conference.	Director Royten.S made a motion to approve attendance for Directors J. Rojas, S. Royten, and L. Patrick at the Legislative Day Conference in Sacramento. The estimated cost per director is \$1,325, which includes conference registration, hotel accommodations, and mileage reimbursement. The total authorized amount for these expenses is \$4,000. Motion: Royten. S , Rojas. J Royten. S, Rojas. J, Peralta. L, Macedonio. K , Patrick P Motion Carried 5-0

<p>CONT</p>	<p>2. Leadership Conference</p>	<p>2. Director Royten. S made a motion to approve the General Manager's attendance at the Leadership Conference scheduled for June 28 through June 30. The Board authorized an amount of \$1,500 to cover conference registration, hotel accommodations, mileage, and other related travel expenses associated with the trip.</p> <p>Motion: Royten. S, Rojas. J</p> <p>Royten. S, Rojas. J, Peralta. L, Macedonio. K , Patrick P</p> <p>Motion Carried 5-0</p>
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<p>6:27PM</p>	<p>VII. CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>a. Contract negotiations for Assistant Office Manager.</p>	
<p>6:39PM</p>	<p>IV. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>a. Contract negotiations for Assistant Office Manager.</p>	<p>Legal Counsel Alex Lemieux “stated reporting out of closed session. The board met out of closed session on one item, contract negotiations for Assistant Office Manager government code section § 54957. The board took no reportable action”.</p>
<p>6:40PM</p>	<p>IX. CONSENT CALENDAR</p>	<p>The minutes were approved pending the addition of directors’ directives and subsequent actions be included in minutes.</p>
<p>6:42PM</p>	<p>Action Items A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p>	<p>Motion: Rojas. J, Royten. S Motion Carried 5-0</p> <p>Rojas. J, Royten. S , Peralta. L , Macedonio. K , Patrick. L</p>

<p>6:44PM</p>	<p>A. PRESIDENT COMMENTS</p>	<p>Director Patrick. L reported that she attended a meeting where she learned about social workers being stationed in California City. She shared her email address to obtain additional information and establish a connection.</p>
<p>6:50PM</p>	<p>B. DIRECTOR COMMENTS-AB 1234</p>	<p>Director Rojas. J directed the General Manager to follow up with the IT department concerning cybersecurity matters, acknowledging that the necessary upgrades have already been implemented.</p> <p>Director Royten. S discussed KTS Farmers Market and how to enhance communication and engagement with the Ridgecrest community.</p> <p>Multiple board members acknowledged that two seats will be vacant this November and agreed that the district manager should be actively reporting to the community to get a stronger sense in community awareness of vacant seats.</p>

<p>CONT</p>		<p>General Manager is to prioritize SDRMA Insurance and coordinate Bay Avenue repairs to avoid project delay.</p> <p>The Board directed the General Manager to review, finalize, and revise the employee handbook to ensure the correct acronyms are used throughout the document.</p> <p>The Board directed the General Manager to replace nine exit signs with hardwired units that include battery backup and to replace the fire extinguisher. Rubi will secure an electrician bid to complete the work and ensure compliance by March</p>
<p>6:50PM</p>	<p>C. DIRECTOR REPORTS</p>	<p>Director Macedonio. K reported receiving notice of \$1.8 million in federal funding to improve mental health services.</p> <p>Director Royten. S announced that CAPK Nutrition will host an event on Wednesday, March 25, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.</p>

CONT		Director Macedonio met Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan People. She will send the summary to the district manager.
7:10PM	<p align="center">D. FUTURE AGENDA</p> <p>1.Kern County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. (MJHMP)</p> <p>2. Conferences</p> <p>3. R. Rizo presenting the SEP plan for MJHMP.</p> <p>4. Resolution 10-3.002 Conflict of Interest.</p>	
7:18PM	<p align="center">E. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Motion: Rojas. J, Peralta. L Motion Carried: 5-0</p> <p>Rojas. J, Peralta. L Royten. S, Macedonio. K, Patrick. L</p>