

ACTION MINUTES
EAST KERN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:30 p.m. Tuesday March 17th , 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
5:35PM	1. Open Meeting	Shauna Royten VP opened meeting per direction of president Lamiya Patrick .
5:35PM	A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION	Lois Peralta
5:36PM	B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL Lamiya Patrickarrived at 5:48PM	Present: Peralta.L , Royten.S, Rojas.J , Macedonio.K ,

<p>5:37PM</p>	<p>C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</p> <p>Agenda item V item (b) moved to agenda item II with the other financial information.</p> <p>Pages 71-72 from staff report will be moved next to agenda item V item (c) with other Sponsorship.</p>	<p>Motion: Rojas. J , Peralta. L</p> <p>Rojas.J , Peralta.L , Macedonio. K , Royten.S</p> <p>Motion Carried 5-0</p>
<p>5:39PM</p>	<p>II. NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>a. Eva Hebebrand “ Current Year Budget Review for Next Year Budget 2026-2027”</p> <p>b. Vendor Payments</p> <p>c. A Maintenance technician Job board discussion and possible action to approve hiring for maintenance technician position.</p>	<p>a. Agenda Item II item (a) will be brought back during a special meeting attentive March 31st 2025.</p> <p>b. Information Only It is noted that some of the Debit Card transactions will be covered by check instead of the debit card due to debit card having issues of being tied to the wrong account.</p> <p>c. Motion accepted for Maintenance technician job Description and the hiring of said personnel to be posted by April 1st and to be flown approximately 2 weeks hereafter under the General Managers authorities. Motion: Royten.S , Peralta.L</p> <p>Peralta.L , Royten. S , Rojas. J , Macedonio. K , Patrick.L Motion Carried 5-0</p>

<p>CONT</p> <p>6:21PM</p>	<p>d. Special District Leadership Academy for R. Rizo(Scholarship Awarded.</p>	<p>d. Rubi Rizo received a scholarship to attend the Special District Leadership Academy Conference, May 11–14, 2026, and the Board approved payment in an amount of \$2,000 for early bird registration. Motion: Rojas.J , Royten.S Peralta.L , Royten. S , Rojas.J , Macedonio. K , Patrick.L Motion Carried 5-0</p>
<p>6:28PM</p>	<p>III. PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	<p>No Comments</p>
<p>6:28PM</p>	<p>IV. COMMUNITY ANNOUCEMENT</p>	<p>Various Announcements, Any flyers received from announcements will be posted on the EKHCD website under News Tab.</p>

<p>6:34PM</p>	<p>V. CONTINUED BUSINESS</p> <p>a. Revised Employee Handbook.</p>	<p>a. Director Macedonio recommended that page 35 of the Employee Handbook be updated to reflect the exact language in the Administrative Code concerning district-recognized state and federal holidays as unpaid time off. General Manager directed by board to also create a resolution to mirror federal, state holidays if they are not already in the admin code.</p> <p>Motion: Royten.S , Rojas.J</p> <p>Rojas.J , Royten.S , peralta.L , Macedonio.K , Patrick.L</p> <p>Motion Carried 5-0</p>
<p>Cont</p>	<p>b. Budget Discussion</p>	<p>b. Agenda item V item (b) moved to agenda item II with the other Financial information. Item will be brought back for a special meeting attentive March 31st 2026.</p>
<p>6:54PM</p>	<p>c. KTS and California City Sponsorship</p>	<p>c. Pages 71-72 from staff report will be moved to agenda item V item (c) with other Sponsorship.</p>

<p>CONT</p>	<p>1. KTS Sponsorship</p>	<p>Director Royten recused herself from the vote and discussion of the California City Farmers Market, Director Royten has stated she is the co-founder of REACH which is a 501(c) (3) , REACH sponsors the California City Farmers Market . Royten stated she is not paid a salary from the organization and does not stand to make any money from EKHCD Sponsorship. Legal Counsel Alex Leminex asked that obstination be recorded in minutes including the recusal of discussion. Legal Counsel Alex Lemieux stated “ I believe on that description that it would qualify as a remote interest under government code §1091 and does not create a conflict of interest for the board to take action.</p> <p>Motion: Royten.S , Rojas.J</p> <p>Royten.S , Rojas.J , Patrick , L No Macedonio. K , Peralta.L Motion Carried 3-2</p>
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2. California City Farmers Market

**Motion Rojas.J , Patrick.L
Recused herself Director
Royten.S**

Peralta.L , Rojas.J ,
Patrick.L

No
Macedonio.K
Motion Carried 3-1

<p>6:57PM</p>	<p>VI. STAFF REPORT</p> <p>ADHOC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cancer AD Hoc Committee 2. Public Communication Committee 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. President L. Patrick granted permission to the General Manager and Director Rojas to serve on the Cancer Walk Ad Hoc Committee. 2. President L. Patrick granted permission to the General Manager and Directors Royten.S, Patrick.L , Macedonio. K will serve in the Public Communication committee.
<p>7:00PM</p>	<p>VIII. CLOSED SESSION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8) Property: Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Agency Negotiator: Alex Lemieux Negotiating Parties: Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Under Negotiations: Price and other terms 	

<p>7:00PM</p>	<p>IX. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>a. Conference with Real Property Negotiations (§ 54956.8) Property: Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Agency Negotiator: Alex Lemieux Negotiating Parties: Ridgecrest Regional Hospital Under Negotiations: Price and other terms</p>	<p>a. Agenda item IX item (a) will be brought back next meeting attentive April 7th 2026</p>
<p>7:08PM</p>	<p>X. CONSENT CALENDER ACTION ITEMS</p> <p>A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</p> <p>1. Regular Meeting: February 17th , 2026</p> <p>2. Regular Meeting: March 3rd, 2026</p>	<p>Motion: Royten.S , Patrick.L</p> <p>Peralta.L , Rojas.J , Macedonio.K , Royten.S , Patrick.L</p> <p>Motion Carried 5-0</p>
<p>7:09PM</p>	<p>XI. CLOSE MEETING</p>	
<p>7:09PM</p>	<p>A. PRESIDENT COMMENTS</p>	<p>Patrick L. shared that he attended multiple Kern County meetings where various opportunities were discussed.</p>

<p>7:10PM</p>	<p>B. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS-AB 1234</p>	<p>Royten. S attended a Kern County Food Policy meeting in Bakersfield. Meeting was about food security and policy changes</p> <p>Director Macedonio reported attending a summit and completing cybersecurity training through CSDA.</p>
<p>7:11PM</p>	<p>C. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS</p>	
<p>7:14PM</p>	<p>D. FUTURE AGENDA</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kern County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan (MJHMP) 2. R. Rizo presenting the SEP plan for MJHMP. 3. Administrative Code Review 	<p>Director Macedonio asked to agendize the cybersecurity grant for the next meeting attentively April 7th 2026.</p>
<p>7:16PM</p>	<p>E. ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>Motion: Rojas.J , Royten. S</p> <p>Rojas.J , Royten.S , Peralta.L , Macedonio.K , Patrick.L</p> <p>Motion carried 5-0</p>