

# SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, the Board of Directors will conduct this meeting via video and tele-conference. A physical location will not be available to the public. You may participate in the meeting by using the call-in number specified in this Notice of Meeting. If you wish to speak to an item on the agenda, please inform the Board Chair when he/she asks for public comment. The Board's normal rules for public comment apply speakers are limited to 3 minutes per item. You may also email comments to [mperkins@sihd.org](mailto:mperkins@sihd.org) prior to the start of the meeting, and your comment(s) will be distributed to the directors at the meeting.

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### PRESENT

Charles Carson, President

Bruce Branson, Vice President

Mark Lacey, Treasurer

Carma Roper, Secretary (via phone)

Jaquie Hickman, Director (via phone)

### OTHERS

Peter Spiers, CEO

Maritza Perkins, Executive Assistant

Anita Sonke, Controller

Scott Nave, Legal Counsel (via phone)

Dave Recuperero, Financial Consultant (via phone)

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Vice President Branson moved to approve the November 9, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda. Treasurer Lacey seconded.

### Roll Call

Carma Roper "AYE"

Bruce Branson "AYE"

Mark Lacey "AYE"

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## II. BUSINESS ITEMS

**A. Consent Agenda:** These items are considered routine and non-controversial and will be approved by one motion. If a member of the Board or public wishes to discuss an item, it will be removed from Consent and considered separately at the end of Business Items.

### 1. Approval of Medical Staff Privileges

- a. Thomas Sprinkle, MD Temporary 90 days Medical Staff Privileges
- b. Ashhar Bhurgri, MD Temporary 90 days Medical Staff Privileges

### 2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Minutes for July 13, 2021
- b. Regular Board Minutes for August 10, 2021

### 3. Approval of Policies and Procedures

#### a. Rehabilitation Services

- 1. #ST700 Speech Language Pathology Evaluation Protocols
- 2. #ST701 Dysphagia Diet Modifications
- 3. #ST702 Thickened Liquids for Patients with Dysphagia
- 4. #ST703 F.E.E.S. Policy

**ACTION:** Vice President Branson moved to approve the consent agenda (Medical Staff Privileges for Thomas Sprinkle, MD, Ashhar Bhurgri, MD, Regular board minutes for July 13, 2021, August 10, 2021 and policies and procedures for rehabilitation services-speech language pathology evaluation protocols, dysphagia diet modifications, thickened liquids for patients with dysphagia and F.E.E.S. Treasurer Lacey seconded.

### Roll Call

Carma Roper "AYE"  
Bruce Branson "AYE"  
Mark Lacey "AYE"  
Charles Carson "AYE"

**Jaque Hickman joined the meeting at 4:36 p.m.**

### A. Resolution 21-5 Authorizing Remote Meetings During State of Emergency

Scott Nave, Legal Counsel stated that this will continue each month (started in October).

**ACTION:** Treasurer Lacey moved to approve Resolution 21-5 Authorizing Remote Meetings during State of Emergency. Vice President Branson seconded.

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**Roll Call**

Jaquie Hickman	"AYE"
Carma Roper	"AYE"
Bruce Branson	"AYE"
Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"

**B. Resolution 21-6 LAIF Change of Authorization for Transfer Funds**

This resolution is to update the current authorized signers to the LAIF account. (Removal of Chester Beedle).

Director Hickman stated that anytime there is a transaction from the LAIF account that all Board of Directors are notified.

**ACTION:** Treasurer Lacey moved to approve Resolution 21-6 LAIF Change of Authorization for transfer funds which includes Charles Carson, Mark Lacey, "CFO" at the time and Peter Spiers be the authorized signers on the LAIF Account. Secretary Roper seconded.

**Roll Call**

Carma Roper	"AYE"
Jaquie Hickman	"AYE"
Bruce Branson	"AYE"
Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"

**C. Thomas Sprinkle ER Physician Agreement**

This is a standard ER Physician Agreement.

**ACTION:** Treasurer Lacey moved to approve the ER Physician Agreement with Thomas Sprinkle. Vice President Branson seconded.

**Roll Call**

Carma Roper	"AYE"
Jaquie Hickman	"AYE"
Bruce Branson	"AYE"
Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"AYE"

**III. REPORTS**

**A. CEO Report & Hospital Operations Update**

1. QI/Compliance Report - Denise Lauffer, RN, Director, QI
2. Human Resources – Genoveva Southey, HR Manager – **Excused from reporting.**
3. Clinical Operations- Michael Floyd, CNO
4. CEO Report – Peter Spiers, CEO
5. Update on Financials- Dave Recuperero

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The CNO, Director of QI, Financial Consultant, and the CEO reviewed their reports. *(Reports will be provided at the end of these minutes.)*

**B. Employee of the Month- November 2021**

November Employee of the Month- Michael Wilder, ER Tech

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Public comment received via voicemail. "Why do we have to keep paying for taxes if the hospital is getting lots of money from covid."

*The parcel tax was adopted in 2005 and is an annual tax that is unrelated to the bankruptcy or covid funding. Proceeds from the parcel tax have and will continue to be used to pay for emergency department doctors and equipment, as approved by the voters.*

**V. BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

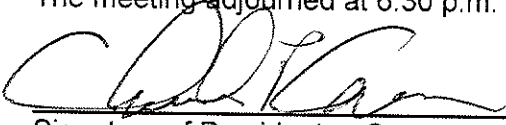
Treasurer Lacey stated he knows it has been a difficult two years and he appreciates that we are powering through it and keep up the good work.


Vice President Branson would like to discuss having someone review and handle the property tax yearly.

Vice President Branson would like to pay LeRoy Kritz. This subject will be included on the next Finance and Regular Board meeting.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

  
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Signature of President or Secretary

  
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Date

November 9, 2021, Regular Board Minutes

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