

# SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

## Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 14, 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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### Participate by using the following:

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#### PRESENT

Charles Carson, President  
Bruce Branson, Vice President  
Mark Lacey, Treasurer  
Carma Roper, Secretary (via phone)  
Jaque Hickman, Director

#### OTHERS

Peter Spier, CEO  
Maritza Perkins, Executive Assistant  
Genoveva Southey, HR Manager  
Scott Nave, Legal Counsel (via phone)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Vice President Branson moved to approve the December 14, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda. Treasurer Lacey seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

Jaque Hickman	"AYE"
Carma Roper	"AYE"
Bruce Branson	"AYE"
Mark Lacey	"AYE"
Charles Carson	"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. David A. Smith, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- b. Francisco Lazaga, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- c. H. Sapna Reddy, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- d. Jasiri Kennedy, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- e. Jules Silver, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- f. Pardeep Athwal, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- g. Ronald Ostrom, DO, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- h. Todd Chapman, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges
- i. Talwinderdeep Kahlon, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges

**ACTION:** Vice President Branson moved to approve the medical staff privileges for the following: Treasurer Lacey seconded.

David A. Smith, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Francisco Lazaga, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
H. Sapna Reddy, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Jasiri Kennedy, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Jules Silver, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Pardeep Athwal, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Ronald Ostrom, DO, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Todd Chapman, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges  
Talwinderdeep Kahlon, MD, Two Years of Medical Staff Privileges

#### **Roll Call**

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

### **B. Resolution 21-7 Authorizing Remote Meetings During State of Emergency (Legal Counsel)**

This will continue each month (started in October).

**ACTION:** Director Hickman moved to approve Resolution 21-7 Authorizing remote meetings during state of emergency. Secretary Roper seconded.

#### **Roll Call**

Jaque Hickman	"AYE"
Carma Roper	"AYE"

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

**C. Election of Board Officers for 2022**

**ACTION:** Director Hickman moved to approve that the Board of Directors stands the same for the year 2022. Secretary Roper seconded.

Charles Carson, President  
Bruce Branson, Vice President  
Mark Lacey, Treasurer  
Carma Roper, Secretary  
Jaque Hickman, Director

**Roll Call**

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

**D. Appointment of Directors to Committees (Finance & Joint) for 2022**

**ACTION:** Director Hickman moved to approve that the Directors to Committees stands the same for the year 2022. Vice President Branson seconded.

Finance – Bruce Branson and Mark Lacey  
Personnel Ad Hoc- Carma Roper and Jaque Hickman

**Roll Call**

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

**E. Chief Financial Officer Agreement with Mark Smith (CEO)**

Peter Spiers, CEO stated that he is still negotiating with Mark Smith (not signed at this time). Mark Smith will be working onsite (80 hours a month) and help with building capital budgets for each department. Rick Jackson and Gary Hicks recommended Mark Smith.

Scott Nave, Legal Counsel wanted to confirm that the agreement is for one year with no ability to term without cause. Peter Spiers stated "yes."

**Item E. Chief Financial Officer agreement with Mark Smith was tabled.**

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### III. REPORTS

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

1. Human Resources – Genoveva Southey, HR Manager
2. CEO Report- Peter Spiers, CEO

Treasurer Lacey asked what's the process if we get a positive covid patient. Peter Spiers stated that everyone gets screened at the door. If someone has symptoms, we test them outside and if they are positive, the patient goes to the covid unit.

Treasurer Lacey mentioned that there were parents that did not agree that their children should be vaccinated, and they took it to the board. SIHD just provided the vaccines, and we did not mandate this. The school board asked SIHD to provide the services.

The HR Manager and the CEO reviewed their reports. *(Reports will be provided at the end of these minutes.)*

#### B. Employee of the Month- December 2021

December Employee of the Month- Devon Jeffrey "D.J.", ER RN

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

Mr. Fedchenko stated he has two reactions to listening to the meeting. 1) he dialed into the wrong hospital meeting. It did not sound like the hospital he knew. 2) déjà vu on other items like the generator and air conditioning (still having issues). Mr. Fedchenko stated he is encouraged by the professionalism and progress. Congratulations to everyone.

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

Director Hickman requested to invite Meghan with Inyo Co Public Health to join SIHD's January board meeting regarding the family mobile clinic. Secretary Roper mentioned she moved positions and that she can follow up for SIHD.

Vice President Branson would like to know the status on the parcel taxes. A meeting will be set for Bruce Branson, Jaque Hickman, and Peter Spiers to discuss parcel taxes.

Treasurer Lacey gave thanks to the Board of Directors, HR, and Admin. Keep up the good work.

Secretary Roper echo's Treasurer Lacey and appreciated President Carson for taking the role of President. Thank you to Maritza Perkins for a wonderful holiday party.

### VI. CLOSED SESSION

#### A. Existing Litigation (Govt Code 54956.9): Chapter 9 Bankruptcy

### VII. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

In closed session, counsel and the board discussed the chapter 9 bankruptcy. No other items were discussed.

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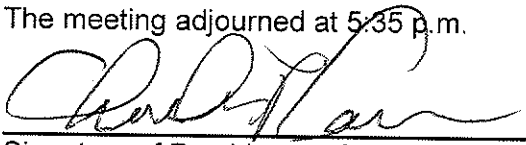
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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



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Signature of President or Secretary

1/11/2022  
Date

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