

**Meeting of the
EDEN HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPEN SESSION**

February 15, 2023

Due to COVID-19 Pandemic – Held by Zoom Teleconference
5:30 p.m.

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Hernandez called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Directors Present:

Chair Russo
Vice-Chair Hernandez
Director Faria
Director Lewis
Director Grant

Staff Present:

Barbara Adranly, District Clerk
Michelle Robles, Director of Finance
Mark Friedman, Chief Executive Officer

Guests:

No members of the public

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION: Motion made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Faria, to approve the Agenda of the February 15, 2023, Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting:

The Open Session Minutes for the January 18, 2023, regular meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Grant, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the Open Session Minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2023, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Russo entered meeting at 5:36 p.m.

V. SPONSORSHIPS:

A. Eden United Church of Christ – Spring Fiesta Fundraiser:

Pat Payne, Spring Fiesta Chair, Eden United Church of Christ, reported on background and work being done by Eden United Church of Christ. She reported on Spring Fiesta fundraiser. She reported that the purpose of this fundraiser is to raise \$23,000 to replace the church's windows and that some of the has already been pledged by church members. She also reported they are requesting sponsorship of the event from the District at the \$1,000.00 level.

Chair Russo reported on the District's financial situation. She reported that she feels the District needs to have more clarity regarding our finances. She reported that the District will have to look closely at what the District is able to give toward sponsorships.

Discussion held regarding the Eden United Church of Christ sponsorship request, whether this fundraising event is health related, the \$25,000 grant recently given to Eden United Church by the District, and other possible sponsorship amounts.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Faria, seconded by Director Grant, to deny the sponsorship request for the Eden United Church of Christ Spring Fiesta Fundraiser.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Director Faria	-	Yes
Vice Chair Hernandez	-	Yes
Director Lewis	-	Yes
Director Grant	-	Yes
Chair Russo	-	Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Center of Elders Independence – PACE Fundraiser:

Tom Hyland, Executive Director, Center for Elders Independence, reported that the PACE fundraiser is to raise funds to provide quality of life issues for the participants in their program. He reported on services provided by the Center for Elders

Independence. He also reported on which programs the proceeds from the PACE event will support. Mr. Hyland reported that they are requesting sponsorship at the \$3,500.00 level.

Discussion held regarding grants previously given to Center for Elders Independence, possible sponsorship levels, the District financial situation, and possible other matching grants the Center for Elders Independence might be receiving.

Discussion held regarding health-related services that the sponsorship of the PACE event could assist the Center for Elders Independence with.

Discussion held regarding sponsorship levels.

MOTION: Motion made by Vice-Chair Hernandez, seconded by Director Faria, to approve sponsorship of the Center for Elders Independence PACE Fundraiser in the amount of \$1,500.00.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Director Faria	-	Yes
Vice Chair Hernandez	-	Yes
Director Lewis	-	Yes
Director Grant	-	Abstained
Chair Russo	-	Yes

The motion carried by a vote of four (4) yes and one (1) abstention.

VI. RESOLUTION 451 RE: INITIATIVE 21-00421A1:

Mark Friedman, Chief Executive Officer, reported on Resolution 451 regarding Initiative 21-0042A1. He reported that this has been requested of the District by the California Special Districts Association to take a position against this initiative. He also reported on organizations who are for this initiative and organizations who are against. Mr. Friedman reported that any new taxes would need to have a two thirds majority vote to pass instead of a simple majority vote. He reported that as a government entity the District can take a position initiatives, but cannot take a position on candidates for elections.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Grant, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve Resolution 451, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Director Faria	-	Yes
Vice Chair Hernandez	-	Yes
Director Lewis	-	Yes
Director Grant	-	Yes
Chair Russo	-	Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – JANUARY, 2023:

Michelle Robles reported on the financial statements for the month ending January 31, 2023.

On a cash basis, the District had a cash loss of \$524,792 for the month ending January 31, 2023. For the medical office buildings the District owns, Dublin Gateway had a cash gain of \$200,686 and the Eden Medical Building had a cash gain of \$61,375. Community Services expenses were \$701,996. The District Office operating expenses were \$96,705.

The District had a net loss of \$628,211 for January, 2023.

Discussion held regarding the January, 2023 financial statements and the St. Regis Project funding.

The board tabled the January, 2023 financial statements to the March, 2023 meeting.

VIII. AD HOC FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Mark Friedman reported on three items discussed by the Ad Hoc Finance Committee at its meeting, which were low-income housing project investment, whether the District could take out a loan to stretch out the Sutter Health debt, and proposed feasibility study regarding St. Rose Hospital.

Vice-Chair Hernandez reported that the Ad Hoc Finance Committee meeting helped understand what the District can or cannot do. He reported on discussion of possible support of low-income housing investments. He also reported on reinstating the taxing authority of the District.

Director Faria reported that Government Code states that low-income housing cannot be invested in by the District. She reported on whether the District could procure a loan regarding the Sutter Health debt and reported that the District consultant, Gary Hicks, informed the Ad Hoc Finance Committee that this it was not advisable to take

on such a loan due to the refinancing that needs that need to be completed in 2027 for the Dublin Gateway property.

Mark Friedman reported on the possible suspension of the District's grant program next year and the District's debt service coverage ratio for the Dublin Gateway loan. He also reported on possible election costs for the seats which are up for election in 2024.

IX. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING:

Mark Friedman reported on draft agenda for the Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee meeting which will be held on February 28, 2023. He reported that it was determined that we would not use an outside facilitator for the strategic planning meeting, which is currently scheduled for March 17, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He also reported the regular March board meeting will be cancelled and a special meeting will be called for the March 17, 2023 meeting. Mr. Friedman reported that there are some grantee reports which will be presented to the board at the special meeting.

Discussion held regarding time of the meeting.

Suggestion made to tentatively have the meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. so that all items can be discussed.

Chair Russo dropped off from the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Vice-Chair Hernandez took over meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Chair Russo returned to the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

X. COVID-19 UPDATE:

Mark Friedman reported on the current status of COVID-19. He reported that the State of California emergency ends on February 28, 2023 and that the District now has the capability to have the hybrid option available at the District office. He also reported on spikes and plateaus regarding Covid-19. Mr. Friedman reported that the e-bulletins now have other health related items reported on instead of just Covid-19.

XI. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

No Chief Executive Officer report given.

XII. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Russo reported that she and Mark Friedman will be meeting with Supervisor Tam and Assembly Member Ortega in the coming weeks. She reported that there are

several upcoming events, the celebration of life of Supervisor Valle, the March for Meals event, and the Association of California Healthcare Districts annual dinner.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Lewis thanked the board members who have signed up for the League of Women's voter's event.

Vice-Chair Hernandez reported that he will be attending a capital visit with his daughter's class and will be meeting with Assembly Member Ortega. He also reported on St. Rose Hospital, saving this community hospital, and how the District could possibly help with these efforts.

Director Faria wanted to make sure that St. Rose be kept in the loop with any discussions.

Chair Russo wanted to remind board members that if they are talking to officials to have another board member present.

Vice-Chair Hernandez reported that he will be the president of the San Leandro Rotary Club.

The next meeting to be held will be a Special Meeting on Friday, March 17, 2023.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. in honor of Supervisor Valle.

Attest:

Pamela Russo
Chair, Board of Directors
Eden Health District

Roxann Lewis
Secretary, Board of Directors
Eden Health District