

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

May 17, 2023

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

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Directors Present In Person: Director Lewis
Director Grant
Director Faria

Directors Present Via Zoom: Chair Russo

Directors Absent: Director Hernandez

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

Guests: Jan Othen, San Leandro High School
Jessi Bailey, Meals on Wheels of Alameda
County (via Zoom)
Two 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 May 17, 2023, Board meeting as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lex Reddy, St. Rose Hospital, thanked the District forming the St. Rose Steering Committee and that Chief Contreras is the committee member for St. Rose Hospital. He updated the board on the current status of St. Rose Hospital. He reported that they would like to help the community the best way they can. He also reported that 90% of hospitals in the country are not doing well. Mr. Reddy reported that they have reached agreement with the California Nurses Association to avoid a strike and are negotiating with other unions at this time. He reported that they are talking to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors regarding increasing the Measure A funding for St. Rose Hospital. He also reported that hospital operations have seen an increase in emergency room visits. Mr. Reddy reported on the demolition and construction to build 30 bed subacute care beds in the hospital. He reported on the status of construction of Cath Lab and they are hoping to have this completed by next year. He also reported that they have submitted their Strategic Plan to the County and the County assured them they would receive \$8 million a year for the next 5 years.

Mark Friedman reported that the Steering Committee met this morning and Chief Contreras was in attendance. He reported on two consultants they are interviewing next week. The committee was very appreciative of St. Rose's cooperation with the feasibility study.

Director Faria reported that Chief Contreras was very willing to be involved and support St. Rose Hospital. She reported that Chief Contreras indicated that he would be working with the Steering Committee and consultants to get a good outcome for St. Rose from the feasibility study.

Chair Russo reported on the variety of different agencies who are very committed to keeping St. Rose Hospital remains open and that the Steering Committee members are all putting this as a priority.

Lex Reddy reported on Assembly Bill 112 which was passed last night to help financially distressed not-for-profit and public hospitals. He reported the funding would be a loan, payable over time, which should help them in the short term.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

A. Minutes of April 19, 2023 Meeting:

The Open Session Minutes for the April 19, 2023, meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Grant, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the Open Session Minutes of the regular meeting of April 19, 2023, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

V. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS:

A. San Leandro High School Multiplying Good:

Jan Othen, Teacher at San Leandro High School, reported on her background and experience. She reported on the San Leandro High School Multiplying Good, Vape Buy Back Program. She reported that they would like to continue with the Vape Buy Back Program and that San Leandro High School is requesting support of the Vape Buy Back Program at the \$2,000.00 level.

Discussion held regarding the ban in Alameda County.

Lengthy discussion held regarding Vape Buy Back Program.

Discussion held regarding education program regarding vaping and possibility of doing an educational video for a public service announcement.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Grant, to approve sponsorship of the San Leandro High School Multiplying Good, Vape Buy Back Program in the amount of \$500.00 with the stipulation that they come back to the District to discuss an educational program.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Meals on Wheels of Alameda County – Taste 2023 Fundraising Event:

Jessi Bailey, Meals on Wheels of Alameda County, reported on the Taste 2023 fundraising event. She thanked the District for the generous support of the event in the past. She reported on their Meals on Wheels program in Alameda County. She reported they are asking for a \$5,000 sponsorship of the event.

Discussion held regarding the Meals on Wheels of Alameda County Taste 2023 fundraising event.

The board did not approve sponsorship of the Taste 2023 event.

VI. FISCAL YEAR 2024 DRAFT BUDGET:

Michelle Robles, Director of Finance, presented FY2024 Budget Presentation dated May 17, 2023. She reported on Overview; FY24 Budget Highlights; Projected Income and Ratio Analysis; Trended Revenue, Expenses, and Net Cash Income; Investment Balance and DSR Forecast; Dublin Gateway; Eden Medical Building; Community Services; District Office; and Capital Forecast by Building.

Discussion held regarding Fiscal Year 2024 Draft Budget.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Lewis, seconded by Director Faria, to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

VII. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – APRIL, 2023:

Michelle Robles reported on the financial statements for the month ending April 30, 2023.

On a cash basis, the District had a cash gain of \$186,566 for the month ending April 30, 2023. For the medical office buildings the District owns, Dublin Gateway had a cash gain of \$201,466 and the Eden Medical Building had a cash gain of \$63,388. Community Services expenses were \$27,500. The District Office operating expenses were \$62,684.

The District had a net gain of \$45,703 for April, 2023.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Faria, seconded by Director Lewis, to approve the April, 2023 financial statements, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. UPCOMING EVENT PARTICIPATION:

Director Faria reported that the District has been invited to participate in the Juneteenth event in Hayward and that the District has participated in this event in the past. She reported that the event will be held on June 15, 2023 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will be in connection with the Hayward Street Fair. She also reported that we should contact the Hayward Chamber of Commerce regarding the cost of a booth. Director Faria asked if any board members or staff are interested in participating.

Director Lewis, Director Faria, and Mark Friedman reported that they are interested in participating in the Juneteenth event on June 15, 2023.

Director Faria reported on the All American Festival on July 1, 2023 at Weekes Park in South Hayward. She reported that the cost for a table is \$25.00. She also asked if any board members or staff are interested in participating.

Mark Friedman and Director Faria reported that they will participate in the All American Festival event.

IX. COVID-19 UPDATE:

Mark Friedman reported on the current status of COVID-19. He reported that the Federally and State emergencies have ended. He also reported that it is hard for people to know how dangerous things are since data is no longer being collected. Mr. Friedman reported that the new boosters are available and that they are primarily going to the immune compromised and seniors at this time.

X. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

Mark Friedman reported on Cherryland Community Association meeting with Director Lewis and her presentation on Mental Health. He reported that he shared information on Covid at the meeting.

XI. CHAIR'S REPORT:

Chair Russo reported that Director Hernandez is interested in attending the Cherry Festival on June 3, 2023.

Discussion held regarding the Cherry Festival and who would be participating.

Chair Russo reported on the St. Rose Steering Committee meeting held today. She reported that the Steering Committee will be interviewing two of the consultants next week. She also reported that they are trying to get on the June, 2023 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting to be held will be Wednesday, June 21, 2023.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Attest:

Pamela Russo
Chair, Board of Directors
Eden Health District

Roxann Lewis
Secretary, Board of Directors
Eden Health District