

**Special Meeting of the
EDEN HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OPEN SESSION
October 2, 2024
In Person & Zoom Hybrid
6:30 p.m.**

APPROVED

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Russo called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Directors Present In Person: Chair Russo
Vice Chair Hernandez
Director Faria
Director Lewis
Director Grant

Staff Present: Barbara Adranly, Administrative Services
Manager, District Clerk
Mark Friedman, Chief Executive Officer

Staff Present Via Zoom: Michelle Robles, Director of Finance

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 October 2, 2024, special Board meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

IV. ST. ROSE HOSPITAL:

Mark Friedman reported on recent discussions held with Colleen Chawla, Jeanette Dong and others regarding the current St. Rose Hospital status. He reported on veto of AB 2271 by Governor Newsom. He also reported on proposal to allocate \$1

million from the District for St. Rose Hospital. Mr. Friedman reported there is a potential \$1 million allocated from the City of Hayward for St. Rose Hospital, as well as possible meetings with various foundations to see if any can contribute. He reported that Kaiser will also be asked for funding for St. Rose Hospital. He also reported on the District's current financial situation and where the \$1 million would come from. Mr. Friedman reported on discussions of whether the District's contribution could be part of an IGT match and that this has been confirmed.

Chair Russo reported that St. Rose Hospital has completed everything they could regarding the forgiveness of the California Department of Healthcare and Access Information (HCAI) \$17.6 million loan. She reported that HCAI has not yet developed the guidelines for any loan forgiveness. She also reported that AB 2271 raised the awareness of Governor Newsom regarding the issues with HCAI loan forgiveness. Chair Russo reported that St. Rose Hospital has plans to open a subacute wing in the future which will help with their finances. She reported that the District would prefer to leverage any funding given for IGT matching funds and that any money from the District would most likely go to the County of Alameda or (Alameda Health System (AHS) for any IGT matching funds. She also reported that the District will only provide funding for St. Rose Hospital if AHS actually does acquire the hospital. Chair Russo reported that the District can allocate where the funds will be used at St. Rose Hospital.

Discussion held regarding financial status of St. Rose Hospital.

Discussion held regarding St. Rose Hospital's \$17.6 million HCAI loan forgiveness.

Discussion held regarding transferring the \$1 million until AHS acquires St. Rose Hospital and that funding would not be before November, 2024.

Discussion held regarding whether AHS could potentially walk away from the St. Rose Hospital acquisition.

Discussion held regarding importance of St. Rose Hospital staying open.

Discussion held regarding commitment of Supervisor Marquez and Jeanette Dong to the AHS acquisition of St. Rose Hospital.

Discussion held regarding the District's funding allocations to the competitive grant program this year and in the future years.

Discussion held regarding this year's competitive grant program and the volume of applications we received this year.

Discussion held regarding possible legal documentation of any funding given by the District and designating how the funds would be used at St. Rose Hospital.

MOTION: Motion made by Director Grant, seconded by Director Hernandez, to direct staff to move forward with further due diligence regarding St. Rose Hospital, the District's financial ability in the future for an allocation of \$1 million for St. Rose Hospital once the transfer of governance to Alameda Health System has been completed, and that the District will designate how the funds will be used at St. Rose Hospital. The motion carried unanimously.

V. OTHER BUSINESS:

The next meeting to be held will be on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Attest:

Pamela Russo
Chair, Board of Directors
Eden Health District

Roxann Lewis
Secretary, Board of Directors
Eden Health District