



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MENDOCINO COAST HEALTH CARE DISTRICT  
MINUTES

Thursday, January 23, 2024, at 5:00 PM  
Redwoods Room, Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Campus  
700 River Drive, Fort Bragg, CA.

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**CONDUCT OF BUSINESS**

**1. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Garza called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

This meeting was held in-person and by teleconference in accordance with the Brown Act.

Directors Present:	Chair Paul Garza, Jr.	Vice Chair Paul Katzeff
	Secretary Susan Savage	Jan McGourty
	Lynn Finley	

A quorum of the Board was present.

Management Team:	Agency Administrator Katharine Wylie
	Chief Financial Officer Wayne Allen
	Clerk of the Board Norma I. Alley, MMC

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Bruce Broderick spoke to senior housing issues.

George Reinhardt spoke to housing issues and support for hospital services.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

**3. REPORTS**

**3a) Receive and file MCHCD Chair's Report**

Chair Garza reported on his written report and provided updates on general matters of interest to the District.

### **3b) Receive and file Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Report**

No report was provided.

### **3c) Receive and file Redwood Coast Seniors Report**

Redwood Coast Senior Center Executive Director Jill Rexrode presented on general Senior Center matters pertaining to the District and fielded inquiry from the Board.

### **3d) Receive and file Mendocino Props and Measures Report**

Props and Measures Senior Consultant Robin Garrity provided a summary of her written report.

### **3c) Receive and file Agency Administrator's Report**

Administrator Wylie provided updates on general matters of the District and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

## **4. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4a) Discussion and possible action including Election of Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer of the Mendocino Coast Health Care District Board for the 2025 Calendar Year.**

Chair Garza introduced the agenda item and described the procedure for the election.

#### **Election of Chair**

Chair Garza ceded the election to Secretary Savage to conduct the election of Chair.

Secretary Savage called for nominations.

Director Katzeff nominated Director Garza.

Seeing no further nominations, the vote was called.

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

Garza:	Garza
Finley:	Garza
Katzeff:	Garza
McGourty:	Garza
Savage:	Garza

Director Garza was elected as Chair, receiving majority vote.

## **Election of Vice Chair**

Chair Garza called for nominations for Vice Chair.

Director Finley nominated Director McGourty.

Director Katzeff nominated himself.

Seeing no further nominations, the vote was called.

Roll Call Vote:

Garza:	Katzeff
Finley:	McGourty
Katzeff:	Katzeff
McGourty:	McGourty
Savage:	McGourty

Director McGourty was elected as Vice Chair, receiving majority vote.

## **Election of Secretary**

Chair Garza called for nominations for Secretary.

Director Finley nominated Director Savage.

Seeing no further nominations, the vote was called.

Roll Call Vote:

Garza:	Savage
Finley:	Savage
Katzeff:	Savage
McGourty:	Savage
Savage:	Savage

Director Savage was elected as Secretary, receiving majority vote.

## **Election of Treasurer**

Chair Garza called for nominations for Treasurer.

Secretary Savage nominated Director Finley.

Seeing no further nominations, the vote was called.

Roll Call Vote:

Garza: Finley  
Finley: Finley  
Katzeff: Finley  
McGourty: Finley  
Savage: Finley

Director Finley was elected as Treasurer, receiving majority vote.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Gabriel Maroney spoke to the need to call for public comment prior to the elections.

Malcolm Macdonald spoke to the need to call for public comment prior to the elections.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

**4b) Discussion and possible action to adopt the Draft 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Draft 2025 Standing Finance, Planning and Measure C Oversight Committee Meetings master calendar.**

Agency Administrator Wylie presented the staff report and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Discussion amongst the Board ensued regarding moving the Board Meetings around the District or holding community meetings around the District.

Chair Garza appointed an Ad Hoc Committee of Vice Chair McGourty and Secretary Savage to review the Board Meeting schedule and report back in February with a recommendation.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

A Citizen asked what the size of the service area was. Chair Garza answered that the service area spans from Westport in Elkhorn all the way to Comptche with a population of around 20,000 people.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Treasurer Finley made a motion to approve the Committee Meeting Calendar, with exception of holidays, and postpone the Board Meeting Calendar for review by the Ad Hoc Committee. Motion was seconded by Secretary Savage. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

**4c) Discussion and possible action including appointment of Standing Committee members pursuant to Bylaws; Adoption of Resolution Regarding Board Standing Committees for 2025.**

Chair Garza noted Treasurer Finley serves per the Bylaws and called for volunteers to serve on the Finance Committee. Secretary Savage volunteered to serve.

Chair Garza noted Vice Chair McGourty serves per the Bylaws and called for volunteers to serve on the Planning Committee. Chair Garza and Director Katzeff volunteered to serve.

Chair Garza noted he also wanted to continue the Blue Zone Ad Hoc Committee, which was currently seated by Director Katzeff.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Gabriel Maroney requested clarification regarding the appointment process for the Planning Committee citizen seats. Agency Administrator Wylie explained the process and noted the consideration of appointment would be at the Planning Committee Meeting.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to appoint Treasurer Finley and Secretary Savage to the Finance Committee, Vice Chair McGourty and Chair Garza to the Planning Committee, and Directors Katzeff and Garza to the Blue Zone Ad Hoc Committee. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair McGourty. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/1 No (Katzeff) vote.

**4d) Receive and file Check Register Report - 12/31/24; Actual vs. Budget Report - 12/31/24; Treasury Bill Inventory Portfolio - 12/31/24; and Summary of Cash Balances - 12/31/24**

Chief Financial Officer Allen summarized his written report.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald commented on his public records act requests he submitted.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comments.

Director Katzeff requested Mr. Macdonald's records request be on the next meeting agenda for review by the Board. The Board agreed and Chair Garza requested it be placed on the February meeting's Agenda.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to accept, receive, and file the financial reports. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Finley. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/0 No vote.

**4e) Receive and consider approval of the Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital Capital Expenditures List, dated 1/17/2025, and refer to the Measure C Oversight Committee**

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital North Coast Area Chief Financial Officer Jeff Mock summarized the written report and requested approval of the Capital Expenditure List. Mr. Johnston fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

Motion: Treasurer Finley made a motion to accept the Capital Expenditure List, as submitted, totaling \$305,799.66. Motion was seconded by Secretary Savage. The motion was approved by a 4 Yes/ 0 No/ 1 Abstain (Katzeff) vote.

#### **4f) Receive and consider approval of the Health Management Associates Contract for assistance with the Voluntary Rate Range Program (VRRP)**

Health Management Associates Managing Principal Steve Soto summarized the written report and proposal and fielded inquiry from the Board.

Chair Garza called for public comment.

Malcolm Macdonald provided general comments to the agenda item.

Seeing no further comments, Chair Garza closed public comment.

Adventist Health Mendocino Coast Hospital North Coast Area Chief Financial Officer Jeff Mock noted the Hospital is supportive of the proposal.

Chief Financial Officer Allen noted he looked into the State Health Plan and received push back due to being told the District does not provide direct patient care, but felt there was a good case to continue to pursue as there is indirect patient care and recommended approval of the contract.

Motion: Vice Chair McGourty made a motion to accept the proposal, with the contract amount not to exceed \$30,000. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Finley. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/ 0 No vote.

### **5. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5a) Draft Minutes of the 12/ 12/ 2024 Regular Meeting; Draft Minutes of the 1/ 2/ 25 Special Board Workshop Meeting**

**5b) Board Resolution 2025-1, Tri-Counties Bank Signature Authority, addition of 2025 Board President, Secretary and Treasurer**

**5c) Board Resolution 2025-2, LAIF (Local Agency Investment Fund) Signature Authority, addition of 2025 Board President, Secretary and Treasurer**

Chair Garza called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

Motion: Secretary Savage made a motion to approve Consent Calendar items. Motion was seconded by Treasurer Finley. The motion was approved by a 5 Yes/ 0 No vote.

### **6. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

There were no comments from the Board.

## **7. CLOSED SESSION**

7a) Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, 700 River Drive, Fort Bragg. Ca.  
District Negotiators: Wayne Allen, Chief Restructuring Officer, MCHCD.  
Negotiating party: Eric Stevens, President, Northern California Network, Adventist Health.  
Under negotiation: Terms of the Lease Agreement, dated July 1, 2020.

7b) Gov. Code §54956.8: Conference with Real Property Negotiators, 721 River Drive, Fort Bragg. Ca.  
District Negotiators: Appointed District ad hoc Subcommittee and legal counsel  
Negotiating parties: GL Bruno, Agent, Mendocino Coast Medical Plaza, LLC.  
Under negotiation: price and terms of payment of possible purchase.

Chair Garza announced the Closed Session items topics.

Chair Garza called for public comment. Seeing no one come forward, he closed public comment.

Chair Garza called a recess at 7:10 p.m. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

Chair Garza led the Board into Closed Session at 7:14 p.m. The Closed Session adjourned and the Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:35 p.m.

### **7c) Report out from Closed Session**

Chair Garza reported there was no discussion on Item 7a and the Board was going to notify Adventist Health that the Board needed six months to consider if the Board can identify a non-profit entity who would be willing to partner or takeover Hospice Thrift Store operations.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business, Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Norma I. Alley, MMC, Clerk of the Board