



MEETING MINUTES
ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - PUBLIC SESSION
Board Room, 1600 West Avenue J, Lancaster, CA 93534

LOCATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Auditorium, Community Resource Center
44151 15th St. West, Lancaster, CA 93534

JANUARY 27, 2021

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Abdallah Farrukh, M.D., Chair
Phil Tusso, 1st Vice Chair
Mike Rives, 2nd Vice Chair
Don Parazo, M.D., Secretary
Kristina Hong, NP, Treasurer

DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE

OTHERS PRESENT:

Edward Mirzabegian, Chief Executive Officer
Troy Schell, General Counsel
Trisha Guerrero, Sr. Project Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public desiring to address the Board concerning items on the meeting agenda may do so **before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board**. Public comment cards are available and time is limited to two minutes per speaker.
Reminder: Board Members must disclose any potential conflicts of interest prior to voting.

6:30PM – ESTIMATED START TIME

OPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION –7:11PM

I. REPORTABLE ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair

- A. Report on Actions on Claims Filed with the District (REPORT)**
- B. Medical Staff Recommendations (REPORT)**

Dr. Farrukh provided report on action taken in closed session on legal claims – all claims were approved at the discretion of counsel. The board provided support and approval of the City of Lancaster’s claim. The MEC report and recommendations were approved.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR – THE CONSENT CALENDAR, AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION, A SECOND AND THE VOTE – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair

- A. Approval of Board Public Session Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2020 (ACTION)**
- B. Acceptance of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2020 (ACTION)**
- C. Acceptance of the Rapid Response Physician Coverage Agreement (ACTION) – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO**
- D. Acceptance of the Perfusion Pump for CABG Surgeries (ACTION) – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO**



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Motion: Dr. Tusso made a motion to approve the consent calendar; Dr. Parazo seconded. The motion passed unanimously on items A, B, and D. Item C passed with 4-AYES. Ms. Hong abstained from the vote for item C of the consent calendar.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Finance Committee – Dr. Parazo, Chair

1. Approval of December 2020 Financial Report (**ACTION**) – Ken Robinson, CFO
Mr. Robinson presented the financial report for December 2020 and discussed the increase in expenses during COVID-19. The hospital does receive a 20% reimbursement from Medicare for COVID-19 patients.

- Pharmacy cost for December - \$2.9M (\$1.5M – drugs specific to COVID-19)
- Temperature Taking Staff – \$1.3M a month
- PPE - \$100K more a month
- Lab Costs - \$100K more a month
- Contracted nursing labor - \$14M for the year

Net Loss for December - \$2.4M

YTD - loss of \$2.4M

Motion: Dr. Tusso made a motion to approve the December financial report; Dr. Parazo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair

A. Review and Approval of Antelope Valley Healthcare District Governing Body Bylaws (POSSIBLE ACTION**)**

Motion: Dr. Tusso made a motion to approve the Bylaws; Dr. Parazo seconded. Mr. Rives made a motion to amend the previous motion and table the Bylaws for further review; Dr. Parazo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Review and Approval of Policy LD.21 Board of Directors – Orientation, Continuing Education and Self-Evaluation (POSSIBLE ACTION**)**

Motion: Dr. Tusso made a motion to approve policy LD.21; Dr. Parazo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.



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C. Nominations and Election of Board Officers for 2021 (ACTION)

Ms. Hong nominated Dr. Farrukh to remain as Chair; Dr. Tusso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Farrukh nominated Ms. Hong as 1st Vice Chair, Dr. Tusso seconded.

Dr. Farrukh nominated Mr. Rives as 2nd Vice Chair, Dr. Parazo seconded.

Ms. Hong nominated Dr. Farrukh as Secretary, Dr. Parazo seconded.

Dr. Farrukh nominated Dr. Parazo as Treasurer, Dr. Tusso seconded.

All motions passed unanimously.

D. Standing Board Committee Appointments (ACTION)

The Board discussed the standing committees and appointments. The board agreed to the following assignments:

- Retirement Advisory Committee – Dr. Farrukh, Chair and Dr. Parazo, Vice Chair
- Finance Committee – Dr. Parazo, Chair and Ms. Hong, Vice Chair
- Medical Quality Assurance Committee – Dr. Tusso, Chair and Dr. Farrukh, Vice Chair
- Compliance Oversight Committee – Ms. Hong, Chair and Mr. Rives, Vice Chair
- Human Resources Committee – Mr. Rives, Chair and Dr. Tusso, Vice Chair

Mr. Rives discussed the Finance Committee charter and the current members. Objects the members of the City of Lancaster and two members of the bank change the members. Dr. Parazo will review the charter and bring back to the board meeting for approval.

The Board approved unanimously, the committee assignments.

V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Ed Mirzabegian (INFORMATION ONLY)

A. COVID-19 Summary & Update

Mr. Mirzabegian provided his report and update:

Almost 21,000 patients walked through the hospital doors with COVID-19 symptoms.

319 were admitted to ICU (275 vented)

Positive tests this month reached 15.8%

The death rate between April and December – 10.8%

The hospital's ICU is running full.



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The joint venture with Kindred and AVH has the first board meeting scheduled.
The Antelope Valley Outpatient Imaging Center (AVOIC) is now fully owned by AVH.
The hospital has engaged a new auditing firm – BKD.
The nursing union contract is close to complete.
Financially, the hospital is on the edge – 890 hospitals are closing across the country. 85 hospitals in California are closing.
AVH has received clinical staff relief from the Health Department and State Emergency.
AVH is hiring as much as they can and have tripled traveler nurse labor.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:53PM

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Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair