

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2021**

A recording of this meeting was not able to be obtained due to technical difficulties.

The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at 7:30 a.m. via in person and not via teleconference due to technical difficulties. Members of the public were able to participate at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, 9001 Wakarusa St., La Mesa, CA. For purposes of these minutes, the listed items are reflected in the order set forth on the posted Agenda. In some cases, discussion of items may have taken place out of sequence during the course of the meeting. Mis-labeled items on the agenda have been corrected in these minutes.

Directors Present: Robert Ayres, Gloria Chadwick, Michael Emerson, Virginia Hall, Randy Lenac

Staff Present: Rachelle Kierulff, Library Director
Sue Petrofsky, Library Assistant
Phyllis Morgan, Library Assistant
Kay Ornelas, Staff Accountant
Erica Salcuni, Director of Programs & Outreach
Tom Scaglione, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel
Sophia Shalabi, Programs & Outreach Coordinator
Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 a.m. by President Hall.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Emerson led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Lenac, and unanimously carried (5-0) to adopt the agenda.

D. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

AGENDA (continued)

E. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports

- a) Sharp Grossmont Hospital: Quality & Safety Report – Nancy Greengold, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Sharp Grossmont Hospital

Due to technical difficulties, the Sharp report had to be postponed to a future board meeting.

2. Finance/Audit – Director Chadwick (Verbal Report of 9/2/21)

- a) Sharp presentation on merging retirement plan and retaining outside, specialized counsel to review the proposal.

The board was made aware of a request by Sharp to merge the Grossmont Hospital retirement plan with the Sharp retirement plan. There was discussion on the impact to the employees and retirees under the Grossmont Hospital plan if the two plans were merged. A timeline and process were communicated which will allow the Grossmont Healthcare District Board of Directors to review the Sharp proposal in detail and make a decision on whether the proposal should move forward. In addition, Grossmont Healthcare District is seeking to engage an outside legal firm to perform a review of the proposal in order to meet the organization's fiduciary responsibility.

- b) Interim Chief Financial Officer Scaglione provided an update of the financial statement audit.

3. Review masking guidelines for public meetings.

The CEO provided a historical background on the district's masking policy and potential change given the current rise in Covid hospitalizations. The Board agreed that the current policy of highly encouraging masking for unvaccinated still remain in effect for committee and board meetings. There will not be a mandate for vaccinated employees or citizens to wear masks. This decision is in part due to the low rates of hospitalizations for those that are vaccinated. The district office does have the flexibility to increase or decrease the masking guidance for normal day-to-day operations based on the CEO's discretion.

4. Brown Act Training for Board Members and GHD Staff.

The board and staff attended Brown Act training, which was facilitated by the District's General Counsel, Jeffrey Scott. The training consisted of a general PowerPoint information session followed by scenarios and District office examples.

AGENDA (continued)

5. Board Comments

F. Memorials

- Dr. Robert Malkus, MD – Chief of Staff, Sharp Grossmont Hospital
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Direct Ayres provided kind words and comments about Dr. Robert Malkus.

G. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Friday, September 17, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
2. Monday, October 4, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

H. Adjournment – 10:20

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 10:20 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Secretary

Virginia Hall, RN, President