

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2023**

The recording of this meeting can be found linked [here](#). These meeting minutes show the time of specific agenda items. Fast forward the recording to the item of interest to hear detailed discussion.

The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Friday, May 19, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. via teleconference and in person. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, California. 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 meeting. Mis-labeled items on the agenda have been corrected in these minutes.

Directors Present: Robert “Bob” Ayres, Board Vice President
Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary
Michael Emerson, RDO, Board Treasurer
Randy Lenac, Board Member

Staff Present: Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer
Tom Scaglione, Chief Administrative Officer
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel

Guests: Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)
Jason Broad, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by Interim President Bob Ayres (President Gloria Chadwick was absent).

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Randy Lenac led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda **(00:01:00)**

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve the agenda. (Director Chadwick was absent.)

D. **Presentation of Advanced Practice Clinician, Richard J. Bea, Behavioral Health, and Health Tech Careers Scholarships by Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee (00:39:00)**

E. Public Comment **(00:14:00)**

There was none.

F. Public Hearing **(00:14:15)**

1. Public Hearing Related to Increasing the Compensation of Directors by Five Percent *(See Announcement in English, Spanish, and Arabic)*

a) Consideration of Ordinance No. 01-23 Related to the Compensation of Directors

Interim President Ayres opened the Public Hearing and asked Counsel Scott to provide background for the Ordinance. Brief discussion regarding Board Appointee compensation. Interim President Ayres asked for Public Comment. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Lenac, and unanimously carried (4-0) to adopt Ordinance No. 01-23. (Director Chadwick was absent.)

b) Consideration of Resolution No. 06-23 of the Board of Directors to Continue Annual Meeting Compensation Guidelines and Policy for Six Meetings per Month

There being no discussion, **motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (4-0) to adopt Resolution No. 07-22. (Director Chadwick was absent.)**

G. Consent Action Items **(00:20:40)**

1. Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2023
2. Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (4-0), to approve the meeting minutes of both April 21, 2023 and May 1, 2023. (Director Chadwick was absent.)

H. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports **(00:21:10)**

a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

District CEO Wallis gave a report, which included the following:

- Recent updates from the last Grossmont Hospital Corporation Board meeting include:
 - CMS recognition results are in (CEO Wallis not at liberty to say what they are)
 - Orthopedic Joint Program recertified by Joint Commission with no findings
 - Planetree International site visit recertification happened on April 5 – April 7; awaiting results
 - Age-Friendly Health Systems site visit happened on April 26; awaiting results
 - Maggie Watson is added to the GHC Board
 - Dr. Greg Apel is the new Chief Medical Officer/Emergency Department Physician
 - Title 42 and the impact on the Hospital was discussed, as well as financial pressures of the whole health system and strategies to increase revenue and cut costs.
- Rural Health Discharge Program training starts next week, with the actual program starting June 5, 2023.
- Health Literacy Project's next Community Stakeholder meeting will take place on May 23, 2023 from 3:30pm – 5:30pm at the Ronald Reagan Center
- CCHO Abrams recently received the Alzheimer's San Diego Visionary Award
- Mr. Sarky, Compliance Coordinator, has been officially certified as a General Safety Specialist
- Certificate of Recognition was recently received from Supervisor Anderson's office for participation in the Spring 2023 Health Fair Saturday, at which Ms. Rojas and Ms. Jacobsen attended

2. Finance Committee – Director Lenac (5/9/23) **(00:25:00)**

a) Presentation and Workshop regarding FY23-24 Proposed Operating Budget (Tom Scaglione, Chief Administrative Officer)

FY23-24 proposed budget workshop and presentation conducted by CAO Scaglione. The proposed General Fund expenditure budget totals \$11.6M, which is a 19.9% increase compared to the FY22-23 General Fund expenditure budget of \$9.7M. In-depth discussion regarding the reserves, including the internal process in which to utilize (Administrative and Operating Reserves are designed specifically to meet the criteria of continuing operations in the event of total loss of tax revenue; Supplemental Revenue

has no allocation; Contingency is allocated in the event of a Hospital lease termination; Special Projects is allocated to whatever project the District has designated the money for; Above Target Levels is unallocated). Attorney Scott recommends reviewing allocating more than \$5M in the Contingency Reserve. Two programs (Mobile Outreach Van and GHD Facility Expansion and Renovation) within this budget have been budgeted for, but have not yet been recommended by each prospective committee (Library Operations and Facilities) and approved by the full Board. Ms. Kessinger and CEO Wallis gave presentations reflecting said programs.

(The Board took a five-minute break and reconvened at 9:10 a.m.)

- b) Recommendation: Consideration to Adopt FY23-24 Operating Budget

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (4-0), to adopt the FY23-24 Operating Budget. (Director Chadwick was absent.)

- c) Recommendation: Consideration to Adopt FY23-24 Reserve Policy

After thorough discussion during the FY23-24 proposed budget presentation, it was decided that this agenda item will be sent back to both the Finance and Policy & Procedure Committees for further review and recommendation.

- d) Recommendation: Consideration to Adopt FY23-24 Budget Policy

In an effort to save time, this agenda item will be discussed in a subsequent meeting.

- 3. Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee – Director Emerson (4/27/23) (5/1/23) (5/15/23) **(01:47:38)**

Director Emerson reported that the Committee met on April 27, 2023, May 1, 2023, and May 15, 2023. The minutes will stand in lieu of a verbal report. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Consideration to Adopt FY23-24 Grants & Sponsorships Policy

Director Lenac expressed concern regarding the splitting of the Grants & Sponsorships Policy with the Scholarships Policy and the fact that they were not presented simultaneously. CEO Wallis explained the reasoning for this (timing issue) and stated there would not be monumental changes made to the Scholarships Policy. The Scholarships Policy will be presented to the Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee in early June, with the potential of being presented to the full Board later that month or in July.

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Lenac, and unanimously carried (4-0), to adopt the FY23-24 Grants & Sponsorships Policy. (Director Chadwick was absent.)

4. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director Ayres (4/26/23) **(01:52:55)**

- a) Recommendation: Consideration to Adopt Revised Compensation and Classification Policy – COLA Section

Director Ayres reviewed the revised language within the Compensation and Classification Policy – COLA Section to the full Board. This revised language puts forth specification towards the term “calendar year.”

Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (3-1), to adopt the FY23-24 Grants & Sponsorships Policy. (Director Chadwick was absent. Director Emerson was an abstain vote.)

5. Library Operations Committee – Director Lenac (5/1/23) **(01:55:19)**

- a) Presentation: Library Quarterly Report (January – March 2023) (Holland Kessinger, Head Librarian)

Ms. Kessinger presented the Board with the Library quarterly report from January through March 2023, which included 2,152 visitors (+531 from last quarter) and 63 new Library cards issued (+20 from last quarter). A brief summary was given regarding the quarterly health talks, support groups, and programs, as well as the recent staff health literacy training and the facility and collection improvements. Director Lenac shared the background of the program name “GHD Health Career Pathway Program.”

6. Strategic Plan/Risk Management Committee – Director Ayres (5/2/23) **(02:04:00)**

- a) Review of Strategic Priority 1, Goal 2, Objective 1

CEO Wallis reviewed this Objective (Actively collaborate with and convene partners on projects that enhance and support health and wellness in East County), as well as its Outcomes, Tactics, Staff Lead, Progress, and how the relative programs relate to Sharp Grossmont Hospital and Sharp Medical Group.

The following items include written documentation. Committee reports may stand as written, unless a verbal report is requested by the Board.

7. Facilities Committee – Director Hall (4/26/23)
8. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Emerson (4/26/23)
9. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee – Director Lenac (5/1/23)

I. Board Member Comments/Reports

1. Monthly Stipend Report Meetings Attended – The report includes meetings from the prior month. Board Members are invited to provide brief reports on any community meetings, conferences, or trainings attended for which a stipend was paid, or for any other meetings of significance.

2. Board and CEO Comments **(02:16:30)**

Director Hall shared that she attended an East County Chamber of Commerce (ECCoC) Government Affairs meeting on May 16 and Tori Floyd was there representing Supervisor Anderson and mentioned that their office is putting \$100M towards tackling local fentanyl issues and educating people. They also mentioned a 12-bed crisis center opening at year-end across from the ECCoC. Additionally, Director Hall attended a Santee Homeless Working Group meeting recently where the East County Transitional Living Center discussed the available beds/rooms that they have open for the homeless.

J. Information Items

1. Monthly Grants and Sponsorships Report for April 2023
2. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for April 2023
3. Monthly Financial Report for April 2023
4. Quarterly Risk Management Matrix
5. 2023 Committee Assignments

K. **Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):**

1. Monday, June 5, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
2. Friday, June 16, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:55 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President