

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2025**

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 Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference and in person. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or in-person at the Grossmont Healthcare District Conference Center, located at 9001 Wakarusa Street, La Mesa, California 91942. For the purpose 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. Any mis-labeled items on the agenda have been corrected in these minutes.

Directors Present: Robert “Bob” Ayres, Board President
 Randy Lenac, Board Vice President (via Zoom)
 Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary
 Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board Treasurer
 Nadia Farjood, Board Member

Staff Present: Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer
 Tom Scaglione, Chief Administrative Officer
 Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer
 Holland Kessinger, Head Librarian
 Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel (via Zoom)

Guests: Maureen Phillips, Highland Senior Citizens Group Jacumba CA
 Aaron Byzak, Galvanized Strategies

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Board President, Robert “Bob” Ayres. Director Ayres noted that Director Lenac is participating remotely via Zoom at 160 E. Soderberg Road, Allyn, Washington 98254, pursuant to Government Code 54953(b)(2), due to a family emergency circumstance. The importance of placing this verbiage on

the agenda in the future was discussed. **Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve Director Lenac’s virtual Board meeting participation.**

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Randy Lenac led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda (00:31:42)

Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0), to remove agenda item F(4)(b) on the agenda. Agenda item 4(b) is being referred back to the Community Health Committee for further discussion.

Director Farjood proposed that agenda item F(2)(b) be removed and discussed in a future meeting, due to the outcome of the January 8, 2025 Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee meeting, wherein a pause was placed on all applications in order for staff to develop a standardized subjective scoring system. Her proposal is that after staff drafts, the Board review it to provide feedback and strategic direction, the feedback be incorporated, with staff applying the rubric to future evaluations, and the Committee reviewing the rubric results to recommend applications to the full Board. It is the hope that this rubric subjective scoring system will better enable fairness, transparency, and consistency to all applications, pursuant to California Health & Safety Code §32139(c), which provides that the District Grants Policy should have a process for the District to ensure allocated grant funding is spent *consistently* with the grant application and mission and purpose of the District and a process for providing, accepting, and reviewing grant applications.

Director Farjood shared her experience serving on other boards while observing the practices of other organizations that award grants, citing that enabling a scoring rubric allows for: 1) fairness and equity, 2) transparency, 3) consistency and objectivity, 4) accountability and documentation for risk mitigation, 5) expertise and efficiency, and 6) conflicts of interest avoidance. Director Chadwick expressed her concern that enabling this process now would be unfair to the other applicants who applied this grant season, per the current Grants Policy. It is Director Chadwick’s suggestion that Director Farjood’s preferred reviewing method be discussed during Committee when the yearly review of the Grants Policy takes place, for possible enabling next grants season. Director Hall stated that allowing staff to decide who is awarded grants was not what they were elected for as Board members. She also expressed concern over the conflict-of-interest aspect and the need to recuse themselves.

Further discussion ensued regarding clarification of the review process and the reasons behind the rubric process request. Director Ayres commented that while he is not in disagreement with a new scoring mechanism, he believes there are other scoring mechanisms besides rubric. Director Lenac believes the District should be

driven by its desire to ensure that it is doing the right thing by its constituents and that if the Board agrees to use a standardized subjective scoring system, then the grant applications on today's agenda should be deferred. He also suggested using a deadline date for District staff to create the rubric tool and a possible deadline of February 5, 2025 was discussed. Director Hall stated she does agree to a new scoring mechanism, but states today's grants should move forward in order to not further delay the response time to the applicants. Counsel Scott reminded the Board of California Assembly Bill 2019, which transparent process was utilized by the District, and ultimately passed in year 2018. Pursuant to recent community organizations noting that the District's current review system can be seen as unfair, Director Farjood reiterated her concern that the review process needs to be examined. Director Lenac reminded the Board (in particular, President Ayres) of the importance of requesting recognition with the Board President prior to speaking.

Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Lenac, and carried (2-3), to remove agenda item F(2)(b) and defer it to a future meeting until an objective evaluation tool for evaluating grant applications is established. Due to a lack of Board approval, this motion did not pass, and agenda item F(2)(b) remains listed on the agenda.

With the removal of agenda item F(4)(b), **motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the agenda.**

D. Public Comment *(01:06:00)*

Julie Miller, Marilyn Robb, and Fatima Ghoulam all emailed the District to provide public comment. The emails were generally the same and requested that the Board change the meeting time from 9 AM to 6 PM in order to accommodate hundreds of thousands of working District residents, as well as the newest Board member, Nadia Farjood. The emails expressed their disappointment in the Board's failure to listen to public's outpour during the January 7, 2025 Board meeting regarding their requested time change and despite every Board member's acknowledgement of their 6 PM availability.

E. Consent Action Items *(01:07:12)*

1. Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2024
2. Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2025

With the below corrections made, motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Ayres, and carried (4-0), to approve both meeting minutes of December 6, 2024 and January 7, 2025. (Director Hall abstained.)

- **December 6, 2024 Minutes (Page 9, Section H(2))** – Director Farjood’s request

Changing the paragraph to read: “Director Farjood raised concern over the current Board meeting times of 9 AM at the start of the standard workday. She explained that this time is inaccessible for herself, the public, and any potential future Board candidates to attend. She proposed that the Board reschedule its meeting times from 9 AM to 6 PM to accommodate working people and to enhance public access. She pointed out that the Palomar Health Board of Directors meets at 6 PM and the Fallbrook Regional Health District Board meets at 6:30 PM. She provided background on the Board’s meeting time changes over the past year-and-a-half from 7:30 AM to 5 PM to 9 AM. Director Farjood’s request to reinstate the canceled December 19, 2024 Board meeting was denied, with no other Board member in support, however, her request to survey (written) each Board member regarding their Board meeting availability was approved. Once responses are received, it will be discussed in an upcoming Policies & Procedures Committee meeting.”

- **January 7, 2025 Minutes** – Director Ayres’ request

Include Director Ayres’ comments that the rescheduling of the January 7, 2025 Board meeting became necessary, due to a health and safety issue with the railings, and in order to discuss the Board meeting times, due to its importance, rather than waiting for the Policies & Procedures Committee (which did not occur until late January) or the third Thursday Board meeting (which did not occur until January 16, 2025).

- **January 7, 2025 Minutes** – Director Farjood’s request

Revise all references made of “Jack Shij” to “Jack Shu.”

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports

- a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis *(01:14:42)*

CEO Wallis shared with the Board the following:

- CEO Wallis encouraged public participation for the San Diego Blood Bank mobile that currently sits in the District parking lot for blood donations

- “Meet the Artist” will be held in the District Library on January 22, 2025, which includes artwork by Director Chadwick
- CEO Wallis recognized District Library employee, Sue Petrofsky, for her 15 years of dedicated service

2. Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee – Director Chadwick (12/2/24) (1/8/25) *(01:15:55)*

The Committee met on December 2, 2024. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website.) The Committee also met on January 8, 2025, for which Director Chadwick gave a verbal report. These meeting minutes will be linked on a subsequent Board agenda.

a) FY24-25 Monthly Grants and Sponsorships Tracking Report

The Board discussed the current grants and sponsorships budget. If funds were awarded to every upcoming applicant for the remainder of the season, it would total approximately \$330,000, thus, being over budget by \$245,628. The Board briefly discussed the need for a \$200,000 budget increase during an upcoming Board meeting.

Director Farjood stated she does not feel it would be appropriate for her to vote on the below applications at this time, due to the absence of a standardized subjective scoring system.

Director Lenac had not realized the Committee did not make any formal recommendations and he expressed his disagreement with conducting committee business at Board meetings.

b) Consideration of Grant and Sponsorship Requests

i. Grant Requests

(a) Deferred Requests

- (i) East County Transitional Living Center: Call Center - \$25,000
(FY21-22 \$35,000)

Discussion ensued regarding the cost for the cable installation and the monthly cable bill. Grantee clarified through email correspondence that the grant would primarily be used for fiberoptic cable, with any additional funds being used for the monthly fee. The Board is requesting the cost for the fiberoptic cable and stated any grant funds cannot be used towards the

monthly fee. **Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (4-1), to defer the consideration of East County Transitional Living Center’s grant application until next month. (Director Lenac shared that his “nay” vote was not influenced by East County Transitional Living Center or its application, but rather the process in which the motion was conducted.)**

- (ii) License to Freedom: Mental Health for Refugees in El Cajon - \$50,000 (FY23-24 \$25,000) (Would require a 4/5 Board vote)

Due to technical difficulties during the recent Committee meeting, the Committee was unable to get their grant application questions answered. The Board is concerned about the applicant’s \$50k ask, which doubled from last year.

Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Chadwick, and later withdrawn, to grant License to Freedom \$25,000 in support of its FY24-25 grant application.

Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Ayres, and carried (4-1), to defer the consideration of License to Freedom’s grant application until next month in order to enable the collection of additional information regarding their \$50k ask. (Director Lenac’s “nay” vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)

- (iii) Highland Senior Citizens Group Jacumba CA: Partners in Healthier Living – Rural Wellness Through Technology - \$25,000 (No prior funding)

CEO Wallis shared LAFCO’s response regarding the organization being outside the GHD boundary and the requested IT services being considered “exempt,” due to the “service source” remaining within District boundaries. Director Chadwick shared information regarding her visit to the Highland Senior Citizens Center the day prior, expressing her belief that the organization is in need of District funding. Director Hall inquired with meeting attendee, Highland Senior Citizens Group Jacumba CA representative, Maureen Phillips, as to how many District residents attended their Center, and Ms. Phillips replied zero. Director Farjood pointed the Directors to paragraph 18 of the current Grants Policy and asked what the basis or criteria was for awarding this grant, to which Director Chadwick expressed the organization formerly being

contained within District boundaries and the District's current attempts at trying to widen its coverage, as well as the need to embrace providing better access and technology to rural organizations. Director Ayres stated it would be a policy exception, due to its underserved nature without adequate healthcare and wellness activity. **Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and carried (3-1), to grant \$25,000 to Highland Senior Citizens Group Jacumba CA in support of its FY24-25 grant application. (Director Farjood abstained due to the absence of having a clear objective metric system.) (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)**

(b) New Requests *(01:44:40)*

- (i) Take Control Movement: Sustainable Leadership Funding for Take Control Movement - \$24,998.40 *(No prior funding)*

This grant application was denied due to 1) the location of the applicant's main office (outside of the District), and 2) requested funding of an employee.

Discrepancy over whether the basis for denial was valid, per the current Grants Policy. Director Farjood stressed the importance of having a clear objective metric system in order to provide better clarification and transparency for the public.

- (ii) Compress and Shock Foundation: Grossmont Healthcare District CPR and AED Education for the Public - \$25,000 *(No prior funding)*

This grant application was denied due to 1) the location of the applicant main office (outside of the District), and 2) the noncertification with the American Red Cross (with applicant preferring to conduct the certification on their own). Collaborating with a local organization for potential future funding and the funding criteria for organizations based on their headquarter locations was discussed.

- (iii) FundaMental Health: Bolstering Mental Health Assistance in East County - \$25,000 *(No prior funding)*

The Board expressed concern over 1) the low number of unduplicated clients served (20) listed on the application, and 2) the absence of listing the East County area(s) the project would service and how patients get referred to the program. Director

Farjood expressed her opinion that the location of an organization's headquarters should not be a basis for grant denial. She suggested that this grant application be deferred in order to enable the collection of additional information about their proposal and where they plan to operate. **Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Lenac, and carried (4-1), to defer the consideration of FundaMental Health's grant application until clear scoring rubric criteria is established. (Director Chadwick was the nay vote.)**

- (iv) ArtReach: Addressing Behavioral Health and Social Isolation Through Visual Art Workshops with IRC's Women's Resiliency Center and Newcomer Youth Program - \$25,000 *(No prior funding)*

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (3-1), to grant \$14,000 to ArtReach (relative to its workshop materials/art-making supplies, community programs teacher, and interpretation staff) in support of its FY24-25 grant application. (Director Farjood abstained due to the absence of having a clear objective metric system.) (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)

Grant approval was based on priority area (behavioral health) and the underserved community to whom the program serves (refugees and women with domestic concerns).

- (v) Resounding Joy Inc: Sounds of Legacy-Grossmont Healthcare District - \$25,000 *(No prior funding)*

Potential collaboration with similar organizations was suggested by the Board. Director Chadwick was in support of granting to an amount yet to be determined.

Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Lenac, and carried (4-1), to defer the consideration of Resounding Joy Inc.'s application to a future meeting until after clear criteria for evaluating grant applications has been established. (Director Chadwick was the nay vote.)

- (vi) San Diego State University Research Foundation dba SDSU Center for Excellence in Aging & Longevity (CEAL): Strengthening Support for Dementia Caregivers in East County - \$25,000 *(No prior funding)*

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (3-1), to grant \$25,000 to San Diego State University Research Foundation dba SDSU Center for Excellence in Aging & Longevity in support of its FY24-25 grant application. *(Director Farjood abstained due to the absence of having a clear objective metric system.) (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)*

Grant approval was based on priority area (behavioral health) and educational, hands-on care.

- (vii) Center for Community Solutions: TRIUMPH (Trauma Recovery Integration Using Multiple Pathways to Healing) - \$25,000
(FY23-24 \$25,000)

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (3-1), to grant \$25,000 to Center for Community Solutions in support of its FY24-25 grant application. *(Director Farjood abstained due to the absence of having a clear objective metric system.) (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)*

Grant approval was based on priority area (behavioral health), data/statistics, and the underserved community to whom the program serves (victims of domestic violence). The Board would like to see potential future collaborations with similar organizations (i.e., Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition).

- (viii) Home of Guiding Hands: Continued Nursing Support - \$140,000
(FY23-24 \$69,000) (Would require a 4/5 Board vote)

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (2-2), to grant \$69,000 to Home of Guiding Hands (relative to its RN) in support of its FY24-25 grant application. *(Director Farjood abstained due to the absence of having a clear objective metric system and the desire to reevaluate the ability to support an LVN.) (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.) (Director Ayres shared that his "nay" vote was due to his belief that consideration of this grant be deferred.)* Due to a tie vote, the motion failed.

Home of Guiding Hands' \$33M budget was discussed. Discrepancy over whether to grant this application for \$69k or defer it to a later date and potentially also include funding for the LVN. Director Farjood shared that she does not believe denying an organization based on its budget is warranted. She also noted to staff that an organization's budget is a criterion to be considered on the rubric subjective scoring system.

Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0), to defer the consideration of Home of Guiding Hands' application until objective criteria has been established.

ii. Sponsorship Requests *(02:28:50)*

(a) New Requests

- (i) Legal Aid Society of San Diego: Masquerade Gala - \$10,000 *(No prior funding)*

Motion was made by Director Chadwick to grant \$5k to Legal Aid Society of San Diego in support of its FY24-25 sponsorship request. With the absence of a second, the motion failed.

Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0), to defer the consideration of Legal Aid Society of San Diego's sponsorship application.

- (ii) San Ysidro Health: Spring Soiree Luncheon - \$5,000 *(FY23-24 \$70,000 grant; FY21-22 \$5,000 sponsorship)*

Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and carried (3-1), to grant \$5,000 to San Ysidro Health in support of its FY24-25 sponsorship application. *(Director Farjood abstained due to the absence of having a clear objective metric system.) (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)*

Sponsorship approval was based on their area of service (East County). San Ysidro Health was close to the 80/20 rule (around 70/30). The Board explained the 80/20 rule for a better public understanding (when the profit of the prior year's event totals at least 80%, with their expenses being no more than 20%). Director Farjood expressed her belief that the 80/20 rule does not

adequately recognize the needs and struggles of some nonprofits and would like to reevaluate this policy.

(Meeting took a 10-minute recess.) *(02:38:35)*

3. Finance Committee – Director Lenac (12/11/24) (1/10/25) *(02:48:35)*

The Committee met on December 11, 2024. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website.) The Committee also met on January 10, 2025. These meeting minutes will be linked on a subsequent Board agenda.

- a) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024 (Chandler Asset Management)

Mr. Aaron Nail from Chandler Asset Management gave the quarter ended December 31, 2024 Investment Report presentation to the full Board. The presentation included the US economic outlook and the District’s portfolio positioning, emphasizing safety, liquidity, and return. The \$47.1M General Fund and Reserve amounts were briefly discussed, as questioned by Director Farjood. **Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024 Investment Report.**

- b) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve Financial Report as of and for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2024

CAO Scaglione presented the Financial Report as of and for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2024 to the full Board. The total cash and investments for the General Fund ending December 31, 2024 is \$46.8M with the Debt Service Fund being \$31.5M. All departments are currently within budget. The Reserves activity and balances were discussed in detail (\$26M listed as being above designated Reserves and available for community investment). **Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Financial Report as of and for the Six Months Ended December 31, 2024.**

- c) 2025 Potential Refunding of Prop G Bonds (For Information Only)

The District is currently entertaining and receiving information from its financial advisors in order to potentially refund the 2015C&D and 2021E bonds (as of July 15, 2025), which could save the District roughly \$7M. The feasibility of the refunding and potential savings will be presented in February, with the actual documents to approve in March.

- d) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve Submittable Contract Renewal (\$82,800 total for 3 years)

Discussion surrounding the availability and need for a rubric scoring system within Submittable (which Submittable allows for). CEO Wallis and Director Farjood commented that the Submittable portal has been a useful tool for both grant applicants and District staff. Director Farjood thanked Director Ayres for his leadership on recognizing Submittable's ability to have an embedded scoring system. **Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Submittable contract renewal for 3 additional years (totaling \$82,800).**

4. Community Health Committee – Director Hall (1/8/25) *(03:08:15)*

Director Hall stated that the Committee met on January 8, 2025 and gave a verbal report. Director Farjood emphasized her previous comments regarding the excessive number of board and committee meetings. She pointed out that some agenda items do not require separate presentations in both the committee meetings and the Board meetings, suggesting that streamlining the process could enhance efficiency. (These meeting minutes will be linked on a subsequent Board agenda, where attendees and discussion will be listed.) Director Lenac reminded Director Hall of the programs and events direct cost report process the committee agreed to last year.

- a) Presentation: Health & Wellness Library Quarterly Update (October - December 2024) (Holland Kessinger, Head Librarian)

Head Librarian, Ms. Kessinger, presented the Board with the quarterly update (October through December 2024). She highlighted the number of visitors (-268 from previous quarter) and library cards issued (+29 from previous quarter and highest it's ever been). Print circulation has gone down consistently each quarter and she will be actively working to improve this in the coming months. Recent marketing and outreach were also shared with the Board, as well as information regarding the new medical history library exhibit. Ms. Kessinger answered all of the questions the Board had.

- b) Presentation: Programs & Events Direct Cost Report (Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer)

(This item was removed from the agenda.)

- i. Recommendation: Consideration to Approve the Purpose and Cost of Recurring Programs

(This item was removed from the agenda.)

5. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Chadwick (11/25/24) (1/13/25)
(03:21:30)

Director Chadwick stated that the Committee met on January 13, 2025 and gave a verbal report. (These meeting minutes will be linked on a subsequent Board agenda, where attendees and discussion will be listed.)

a) Consideration of Galvanized Strategies Contract

CEO Wallis gave a background as to the hiring of Aaron Byzak with Galvanized Strategies, which initially started as a 6-month trial period in order to assist the District with media recognition. The 6-month trial period ends this month and thus, the committee discussed the potential for a new contract and the possibility of also including a communications plan. The three various contract options were discussed. Mr. Byzak shed some light on the different strategies between press releases and in-studio media interviews. Mr. Byzak shared that a 1-year long strategic process is often necessary for effective public relations and communication strategies. Director Farjood conveyed her desire for long-term dedicated communication support (\$6k/month for 1 year) with recurring updates. Discussion over which media should be reflected on the District website. Director Lenac expressed frustration with the absence of a committee recommendation, pursuant to differing committee members' opinions. The Board reiterated its desire for Mr. Byzak to urgently promote the Grossmont Hospital Family Medicine Residence Program.

Motion was made by Director Farjood, seconded by Director Chadwick, and carried (4-1), to approve the continuation of the Galvanized Strategies contract for 1-year at \$6k/month. (Director Lenac's "nay" vote was due to the process in which the motion was conducted.)

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

6. Library Operations Committee (11/25/24)

7. Facilities Committee – Director Hall (1/10/25)

G. Board Member Comments/Reports

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

2. Board and CEO Comments

Director Hall recently attended several meetings, including the Santee Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee meeting, where she mentioned the District's scholarships, and the Santee Homeless Working Group meeting where fires initiating from local homeless encampments was discussed.

Director Farjood observed that the current monthly stipend report showed that both Directors Chadwick and Hall attended recent local community events in the evening, despite them both listing their evening unavailability on the recent Board meeting time survey. Director Farjood further noted that her colleagues continue to oppose the District Board meeting time to 6 PM, without basis, while they are actively collecting stipends funded by the District.

Director Farjood expressed heartfelt sentiments and well-wishes to Director Lenac, hoping for a complete recovery for his mother.

Director Farjood shared information for the public regarding Sharp's Women's Health Conference, which is being held Saturday, March 22, 2025, at the San Diego Sheraton Hotel & Marina.

District practice regarding proclamations was raised by Director Farjood and the potential to honor former District Director, Michael Emerson, RDO, for his 16 years of service.

Director Farjood reiterated her advocacy for shifting the District Board meeting times from 9 AM to 6 PM. This change would enhance public access and engagement, reflecting the community's interest, especially in light of the recent public response advocating for such a transition. Following her previous proposal to Director Ayres on January 9, 2025, which suggested a 6-month pilot program for 6 PM meetings, Director Farjood expressed her desire to formally agendaize this proposal for the next regular Board meeting. She emphasized that the flexibility of meeting times could increase attendance and participation from the public. In discussions with Sharp representatives—Scott Evans, Elly Maienschein, and Pamela Ison—Director Farjood inquired whether the Hospital could accommodate a shift to a 6 PM meeting schedule. The representatives affirmed their commitment to ensure their presence as necessary for any meetings the Board desires.

Director Farjood acknowledged the written public comment from Susan Peinado, the Co-founder of the Democratic Woman's Club of San Diego County. Although Ms. Peinado did not support Director Farjood during her recent campaign, she urged the Board to consider changing the Board meeting time to 6 PM. Ms. Peinado emphasized that such a shift would demonstrate greater respect for the public the Board serves and would align with best practices for community engagement.

Director Chadwick shared information for the public regarding tonight's presentation event for Sharp Grossmont Hospital's Neuroscience Center.

H. Information Items

1. Monthly Grant & Sponsorship Report for November 2024 and December 2024
2. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for November 2024
3. Monthly Financial Report for November 2024
4. 2025 Committee Assignments

I. Next Regularly Scheduled Meetings:

1. Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.
2. Thursday, February 20, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business on **motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Robert "Bob" Ayres, President, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Virginia Hall, RN, Secretary, Board of Directors