

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2023**

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The Board of Directors of Grossmont Healthcare District held a regular meeting on Friday, April 21, 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: Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President
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 President Chadwick.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Virginia Hall led the pledge.

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

Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the agenda.

D. Public Comment **(00:01:46)**

There was none.

E. Consent Action Items **(00:02:45)**

1. Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2023
2. Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2023

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the meeting minutes of March 17, 2023 and April 3, 2023.

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports **(00:03:20)**

a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

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

- The IGT process has sped up, per the California Health & Human Services – normally, the final requested number would be due in June, but it is now due earlier – Sharp plans to present their IGT presentation before the full board on May 1, 2023.
- Rural Discharge Program is going well. CEO Wallis thanked Rose Turner at Sharp who is doing a great job in the collaboration to make this program a success.
- The East County Chamber of Commerce Health Fair is this Saturday from 10am – 2pm.

2. Community Grants and Sponsorships Committee – Director Emerson (3/29/23) (4/5/23) (4/17/23) **(00:04:50)**

Director Emerson reported that the Committee met on March 29, 2023, April 5, 2023, and April 17, 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) Consideration of Applications for Scholarships (March 29, 2023 Committee Recommendations) – *The following applicants are for approval only; winners will be recognized during a subsequent Board meeting.*
- i. Advanced Practice Clinician Scholarship (5 Awards at \$5,000 each):
 - (a) Jerry Davis (Walden University)
 - (b) Nadeen Masarweh (Azusa Pacific University)
 - (c) Valtina Sabri (Point Loma Nazarene University)
 - (d) Courtney Scheck (Frontier Nursing University)
 - ii. Richard J. Bea Nursing Scholarship (First Place Award at \$5,000, Second Place Award at \$3,000):
 - (a) Krisha Almazan (National University) - \$5,000
 - (b) Jawan Habib (Southwestern University College of Nursing) - \$3,000
 - iii. Behavioral Health Scholarship (5 Awards at \$5,000 each – *6th Award of \$5,000 comes from the remaining APC Scholarship funds*):
 - (a) Genoveva Gagliardi (Walden University)
 - (b) Bryan Harter (California State University San Marcos)
 - (c) Mariam Kachi (San Diego State University)
 - (d) Desiree Lopez (Arizona State University)
 - (e) Dominga Needham (Walden University)
 - (f) Shannon Lamoureux (San Diego State University)
 - iv. Health Tech Careers Scholarship (5 Awards at \$5,000 each):
 - (a) Vallarie Basa (Vocational Nursing – Grossmont College)
 - (b) Alyssa Garza (Respiratory Therapy – Grossmont College)
 - (c) Arwa Kasaab (Cardiovascular Technology – Grossmont College)
 - (d) Cindy Sandoval (Neurodiagnostic – San Diego Mesa College)
 - (e) Angela Taylor (Orthopedic Conditions – Grossmont College)

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the FY22-23 post-secondary scholarship awards to Jerry Davis, Nadeen Masarweh, Valtina Sabri, Courtney Scheck, Krisha Almazan, Jawan Habib, Genoveva Gagliardi, Bryan Harter, Mariam Kachi, Desiree Lopez, Dominga Needham, Shannon Lamoureux, Vallarie Basa, Alyssa Garza, Arwa Kasaab, Cindy Sandoval, and Angela Taylor.

- b) Recommendation: Consideration to Adopt FY23-24 Grants & Sponsorships Policy **(00:07:22)**

Motion was made by Director Emerson (and later withdrawn), seconded by Director Hall, to approve and adopt the FY23-24 Grants & Sponsorships Policy. After discussion, due to the extensive Policy changes and in order to allow more time for the Board to review the Policy, it was decided that the Grants & Sponsorships Policy will be reviewed by the Policies & Procedures Committee at its next meeting, with comments returning to the full Board at the next Board meeting. It was suggested that the Strategic Plan/Risk Management Committee also review.

- c) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve Grossmont Union High School District's FY22-23 Grant Budget Amendment Request **(00:16:55)**

The GUHSD has a current FY22-23 grant with us for \$227,500. They would like to realign their funds in order to create a new CMA (Certified Medical Assistant) Program. Discussion regarding the status of Mountain Empire Unified School District's ("MEUSD") program from the prior fiscal year and whether or not they are reinstating. Per Director Emerson, MEUSD decided to opt out, as they did not have the manpower to reapply, however, the Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee will take this topic under review and will report back to the full Board. The financials will also be reviewed.

Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Hall, and carried (4-1), to approve Grossmont Union High School District's FY22-23 Grant Budget Amendment Request. (Director Lenac was an abstain vote.)

3. Finance Committee – Director Lenac (4/14/23)

The Finance Committee met on April 14, 2023. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Recommendation: Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2023 (Bill Dennehy, Chandler Asset Management) **(00:35:05)**

Mr. Dennehy from Chandler Asset Management presented the full Board with an update regarding the economy and the District's account profile and answered all questions of the Board. The District's current portfolio total market value is on track for \$26.4M.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2023.

- b) Recommendation: Financial Report as of and for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2023 **(00:32:55)**

CAO Scaglione presented an overview of the Financial Report as of and for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2023 to the full Board. This included a brief summary of general and debt service funds, revenues and expenses, and restricted and unrestricted cash and investments. The District is within budget for every department.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the Financial Report as of and for the Nine Months Ended March 31, 2023.

- c) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve Revised Public Salary Schedule **(01:03:05)**

This Revised Public Salary Schedule includes pay rates and ranges changed with the last cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) of 7.7%. Discussion regarding current policy, "calendar year" vs. "year over year," and a potential cost-of-living adjustment of 6.7%. Director Ayres recommends that the current policy be reviewed and revised to be better understood by the Board and constituents. This policy will be reviewed at an upcoming Policies & Procedures Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and carried (4-1), to approve the Revised Public Salary Schedule. (Director Ayres was the nay vote, but did represent that his nay vote was not against the cost-of-living increase, but rather was against the approval of a Policy exception.)

- d) Recommendation: Consideration to Approve 5% Stipend Adjustment for Grossmont Healthcare Corporation Designees (from \$100 per meeting to \$105 per meeting) **(01:07:10)**

Director Lenac explained to the Board that the stipend increases have never been allocated to the Designees. Attorney Scott reminded the Board that stipend increases would not apply to any board members that sit on the GHC

Board. He expressed concern regarding the past FPPC investigation and their ruling that a stipend (or any source of income) made to a GHC Board member is a conflict of interest. Director Lenac stated that GHC no longer pays stipends to Board members, so there is currently no threat or conflict of interest. This stipend comes from the District to the Designees.

Motion was made by Director Lenac, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the 5% stipend adjustment for the Grossmont Healthcare Corporation Designees (from \$100 per meeting to \$105 per meeting) starting next fiscal year.

4. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee – Director Lenac (4/3/23) **(01:12:00)**

The Government, Legal & Legislative Relations Committee met on April 3, 2023. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

- a) Assembly Bill 557 Support Letter to the California State Assembly
- b) Assembly Bill 1473 Support Letter to the Education Committee
- c) Senate Bill 525 Opposition Letter to the Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Director Lenac informed the Board that the above three letters were recently sent and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Additionally, Director Lenac spoke regarding his concern of the Garcia Bill relative to the El Centro Hospital. He recommends the District follow its development.

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

5. Public Relations & Outreach Committee – Director Emerson (3/27/23)

G. 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 **(01:14:30)**

President Chadwick reminded everyone about the Health Fair at Grossmont Center happening tomorrow. She also inquired as to Sharp's recent discontinuation of their home health services. Per Director Lenac, the program has always struggled and never materialized how Sharp thought it would. Existing patients will be transitioned to various home health services within the

community. Per Jason Broad (Sharp), Sharp Healthcare operates two home health services (Sharp Memorial Hospital and Sharp Grossmont). Sharp Grossmont's services are not affected, and they continue to operate those. Mr. Broad will have Mr. Evans speak further on this topic during their next quarterly report presentation happening on May 1, 2023.

Director Emerson reminded everyone about the Home of Guiding Hands 13th Annual Randy Jones Run/Walk happening the same day.

Director Ayres shared that the Rural Healthcare Program is getting well-deserved recognition around the community and thanked everyone for their hard work. He also congratulated CCHO Abrams on her upcoming honoree award at the Alzheimer's San Diego Visionary Luncheon on May 5, 2023.

Director Hall mentioned that the District was recognized under the Health Services Industry at the East County Chamber meeting. She attended a Santee Homeless Working Group that is working on a new law for no fire or pollution in the local riverbed. The East County Transitional Living Center also has beds available for those experiencing homelessness. She also recently attended a grant making webinar.

Director Lenac inquired with the three Board members that do not currently sit on the GHC Board if they would be interested in listening to the GHC Board Education Zoom meetings that happen every other month on the third Tuesday at 5:00pm. Attorney Scott expressed concern regarding a potential Brown Act violation and whether or not these Board Education meetings are "invitation only" or if they are open to the public.

H. Information Items

1. Monthly Grant and Sponsorship Report for March 2023
2. Monthly Investment Transaction Report for March 2023
3. Monthly Strategic Plan Matrix for March 2023
4. Monthly Risk Management Matrix for March 2023
5. 2023 Committee Assignments

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

1. Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
2. Friday, April 21, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:02 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary

Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President