

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes  
March 6, 2023**

*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 Monday, March 6, 2023, at 7:30 a.m. via teleconference and in person. Members of the public were able to participate by telephone, Zoom, or in-person at the Sharp Brier Patch Campus, located at 9000 Wakarusa Street, Building F, Classroom 13, La Mesa, California 91942. 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. Any 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  
Amy Abrams, Chief Community Health Officer  
Jeffrey Scott, General Counsel

Guests: Jason Broad, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)  
Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital (via Zoom)  
Tim Madden, Madden Quiñonez Advocacy (via Zoom)  
Elly Maienschein, Sharp Healthcare (via Zoom)  
Sarah Bridge, ACHD (via Zoom)  
Baron T. Willis, LAFCO

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. by President Chadwick.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Director Randy Lenac led the pledge.

C. Approval of Agenda (00:00:50)

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

D. Public Comment (00:01:00)

Baron T. Willis spoke before the Board for the allotted three minutes requesting nomination support for his reelection with the San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission's (LAFCO) San Diego County Consolidated Redevelopment Oversight Board appointment. Mr. Willis has visited 55 of 63 districts and has the support of approximately 160 people, with endorsements of former Supervisor Dianne Jacob, Supervisor Joel Anderson, and Supervisor Jim Desmond.

E. Consent Action Items

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items (00:07:10)

1. Reports

- a) Presentation: Legislative Update and Discussion - Tim Madden (Madden Quiñonez Advocacy), Elly Maienschein (Sharp Healthcare), Sarah Bridge (Association of California Healthcare Districts)

Mr. Madden presented the Board with a legislative update and discussed healthcare policy themes (AB40 regarding emergency department overcrowding/ambulance offload time, minimum wage for healthcare workers, seismic 2030 standards, El Centro and Imperial healthcare, The Brown Act).

Ms. Maienschein spoke regarding Sharp's position on AB40 (oppose unless amended) and asked the District for its support. She also spoke briefly on AB296 public education campaign regarding appropriate use of 911 (Sharp supports this bill). Ms. Bridge spoke regarding AB40 and explained ACHD's position, which is a "concerns" position asking that the standard be removed at this time to allow for further conversations and/or the standard be left regionally (but nothing under 35 minutes), due to the fact that ACHD represents districts that are on both sides of the issue (hospital and ambulance).

Ms. Maienschein spoke regarding Sharp's position on the minimum wage for healthcare workers bill, which is not yet determined at this time. However, they struggle with the concept of forcing an increased cost in expenses while not simultaneously addressing the revenues, which are a driving force in healthcare. Ms. Bridge spoke regarding ACHD's position (oppose) and explained that this bill is hyperinflating the minimum wage across California.

Ms. Bridge discussed the seismic 2030 standards bill (AB869) and ACHD's position, which is in support of. They are in ongoing conversations with the Assemblymember and SEIU to increase the number of district hospitals that are included to obtain a broader scope. She also mentioned that the

California Hospital Association's position is to support, if amended (amended to include a solution for all hospitals). Currently, as the bill is written, Sharp Grossmont Hospital is not included in the bill.

Ms. Bridge discussed in depth the bill regarding stand-alone rural hospitals in El Centro and Imperial.

Ms. Bridge commented on The Brown Act bill, which is sponsored by CSDA, and AB817, sponsored by the California Association of Rec and Park Districts and the League of California Cities. AB817 is intended to have non legislative bodies continue to meet in virtual form.

Discussion regarding legislation to support understaffed local hospitals.

2. Facilities Committee – Director Hall (2/24/23) **(01:20:25)**

Director Hall reported that the Facilities Committee met on February 24, 2023. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

CEO Wallis shared with the Board the current delay with the Auditorium A/V equipment, which is stalled due to one piece of equipment and the hiring of a contractor to install the new projector screen. He also gave the Board an update regarding Sharp's neuroscience center program, their cancer center, and upcoming ambulatory surgery center. Director Ayres will have the Facilities Committee ask Sharp Grossmont Hospital to provide an update on the timing of their master facility plan.

a) Recommendation: Consideration to Extend IT Consulting Project (\$13,800)

**Motion was made by Director Hall, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0), to approve the extension of the IT consulting project for \$13,800.**

3. Board and CEO Comments **(01:36:35)**

President Chadwick commented that the Directors recently attended the East County Chamber of Commerce's East County Honors Award event for which the District was a nominee. She congratulated San Ysidro Health for their win in healthcare.

President Chadwick also thanked Sharp for allowing the District to use their classroom for the past few Board meetings.

G. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Friday, March 17, 2023, 7:30 a.m.
2. Monday, April 3, 2023, 7:30 a.m.

H. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:07 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Virginia Hall, RN, Board Secretary

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Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Board President