

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2021**

*A 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, November 19, 2021, 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 St., 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 Ayres  
Gloria Chadwick  
Michael Emerson  
Virginia Hall, President  
Randy Lenac (via Zoom)

Staff Present: Jeffrey Scott, District General Counsel  
Christian Wallis, District Chief Executive Officer  
Erica Salcuni, District Director of Programs & Outreach  
Tom Scaglione, District Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Rachelle Kiefulff, District Director of Library Operations

Guests: Ryan Purdy, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Jason Broad, Sharp Grossmont Hospital  
Dee Ammon, Grossmont Hospital Foundation

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 a.m. by President Hall.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Emerson led the pledge.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

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

D. Public Comment **(00:01:45)**

Opportunity for citizens to speak on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District. Persons wishing to address a matter not on the Agenda may be heard at this time; however, in accordance with California law, no Board discussion or action can be taken on items not on the Agenda. "Request to Speak" cards should be filled out in advance and presented to the Board President or recording secretary. For the record, please state your name. The Board has a policy limiting any speaker to no more than three minutes.

E. Consent Action Items

Consent Action Items are normally acted upon by a single vote encompassing all items within this section. Since the public may directly address the Board before action on any item, a member of the public may, upon request, speak to the item(s) before the vote is taken.

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 15, 2021
2. Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 1, 2021

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve both sets of Minutes (from October 15, 2021, and November 1, 2021).**

F. Reports/Presentations/Discussion/Possible Action Items

1. Reports **(00:04:50)**

a) CEO Report – Christian Wallis

CEO Wallis gave his report, which included the following:

- District closed on a \$4.42M refunding of the bond
- Assemblymember Weber will be at the District December 1, 2021, from 9am – 11am for her select committee on the social determinants of health.
- San Diego Taxpayers' Educational Foundation had its first meeting, of which CEO Wallis has joined the board of trustees.
- District employees were given the opportunity to receive their flu shots at the hospital by Sharp.

- District Interim CFO will be giving two presentations over the next month (to Aqua for water conference and to Republican Women of the California).
- ii. Consideration of Redistricting Proposal from National Demographics Corporation

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the proposal from National Demographics Corporation.**

2. Strategic Plan/Risk Management – Director Hall (10/26/21) **(00:08:35)**

- a) Recommendation: Pilot a process to hold Board meetings at 9:00am for one month (January 2022)

President Hall reported on the Committee meeting that took place on October 26, 2021, and explained the reasoning behind the current recommendation of conducting a one-month pilot with Board meetings starting at 9am (vs 7:30am). Reasons included the District being only 1 out of 2 special districts that conduct their meetings still at 7:30am, and the month we give the scholarships award, that month solely could stay at a 7:30am start time. There was discussion on holding a longer pilot period and having the meetings at 6:00pm since this is what most other healthcare special districts do.

**Motion was made (and later amended) by President Hall, seconded by Director Lenac, to conduct a 6-month pilot program for regular Board meetings at the 9:00am timeslot. The amended motion failed (2-3)..**

3. Community Grants and Sponsorships – Director Ayres (10/25/21 & 11/04/21) **(00:24:00)**

- a) Consideration of Grant Requests

Director Ayres reported that the Community Grants & Sponsorships Committee met on October 25, 2021, and November 4, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

Director Ayres reported on the 2021 35<sup>th</sup> Annual GHF Gala, which took place on November 6, 2021, and went to benefit the Sharp Grossmont new Neurosciences Center. The evening brought in nearly \$2M.

*Recommended for funding:*

- i. The Salvation Army: Kroc Fit Kids Childhood Obesity Prevention Program \$7,000 (FY17-18 \$25,000) – *recommended for \$7,000*

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve The Salvation Army grant application for \$7,000.**

- ii. Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank: Nutrition for those in Need – East County Neighborhood Distribution Support \$19,206 (FY20-21 \$14,000) – *recommended for \$14,000*

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the Jacobs & Cushman San Diego Food Bank grant application for \$14,000.**

b) Board Approval of Previously Recommended FY21-22 Grants

- i. The J. Moss Foundation (DBA Skinny Gene Project): Diabetes Prevention for the Uninsured in GHD \$25,000 (*No previous funding*) – *Recommended for funding on 7/21/21 for \$25,000*

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve The J. Moss Foundation grant application for \$25,000.**

- ii. San Ysidro Health: Mountain Health Pharmacy Expansion Project \$70,000 (*COVID Funding FY19-20 \$24,910 and \$24,970*) – *Recommended for funding on 7/21/21 for \$70,000*

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Chadwick, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the San Ysidro Health grant application for \$70,000.**

4. Finance/Audit Committee – Director Chadwick (11/04/21) **(00:32:35)**

Director Chadwick reported that the Finance/Audit Committee met on November 4, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

a) Revised Public Salary Schedule

- i. Recommendation: Approve and Adopt CalPERS revised Public Salary Schedule, originally adopted by the Board October 15, 2021

Interim CFO Scaglione explained to the Board that this is the revised version of the Public Salary Schedule, due to CalPERS request asking for an hourly rate. Interim CFO Scaglione also mentioned that the revised Schedule also included a monthly rate and added a CAO position (to add for staff flexibility).

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Emerson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve and adopt the revised CalPERS Public Salary Schedule (originally adopted by the Board on October 15, 2021).**

b) Authorization for New Bank Account

- i. Recommendation: Approve and Adopt the opening of a money market account with Bank of the West, the District's custodian for investments, to avoid wire charges for transfers of interest to the District's checking account with Torrey Pines Bank

Interim CFO Scaglione explained to the Board that opening and maintaining a new money market account with Bank of the West would avoid the wire fees that are currently charged to us by Torrey Pines Bank. This would save the District approximately \$1,500/year.

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve and adopt the opening of the Bank of the West money market account.**

5. Investment Committee – Director Emerson (11/8/21) **(00:38:10)**

Director Emerson reported that the Investment Committee met on November 8, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked on the District website).

a) Investment Advisory Services Proposal

- i. Recommendation: Consideration of the proposal to contract with Chandler to perform Investment Services

For the past year, the District passively made investments into LAIF, however there is an opportunity to increase our yield and have a professional investment advisory firm to help us with that. Per interim CFO Scaglione, a request for proposal was done and it is the recommendation of staff and the Committee to hire Chandler Asset Management Group for these services.

Miya from Chandler gave a brief report on Chandler and their services and answered questions.

**Motion was made by Director Emerson, seconded by Director Ayres, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the hiring of Chandler Asset Management Group.**

6. Policies & Procedures Committee – Director Ayres (10/20/21) **(00:45:55)**

Director Ayres reported that the Policies & Procedures Committee met on November 10, 2021. Attendees and discussion are listed in the Committee minutes (which are linked from the Board agenda to the District website).

a) Future review on timeline for disbursement of scholarship money

Director Ayres reported that due to two students recently writing the District and apologizing for not providing a copy of the transcripts sooner and still wanting their grant money, the District noticed that there was no definitive policy regarding the amount of time that students have to submit their transcripts. Therefore, this will be a topic for discussion at the next meeting and will most likely equal to approximately 6 months from the time of completion.

b) Recommendation: Consideration of Approval of District Ticket Distribution Policy

**Motion was made by Director Ayres, seconded by Director Emerson, and carried (4-0) to approve and adopt the District Ticket Distribution Policy, as presented. (Director Lenac unable to vote, as he had left the meeting.)**

Director Ayres mentioned that the Committee discussed the policy for the use of the District auditorium and conference room for events, to which will be finalized at the next meeting.

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

7. Public Relations & Outreach – Director Chadwick (10/20/21)

8. Facilities – Director Lenac (10/22/21)

9. Government, Legal & Legislative Relations – Director Emerson (10/29/21) **(00:50:45)**

Director Emerson informed the Board and Public to expect a copy of the updated Legislative Tracker Report at the next (December) Board meeting.

10. Library Operations Committee – Director Hall (Monthly meeting cancelled)

G. Board Member Comments/Reports **(00:51:45)**

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.

Directors Ayres, Chadwick, and Hall thanked District staff for their anniversary cards; President Hall mentioned that District staff also celebrated CEO Wallis on Veteran's Day via card and small gift.

President Hall shared that there is a new Veteran's monument in Santee.

President Hall also mentioned the GHF Gala and what a wonderful job they did.

H. Convene to Closed Session **(00:53:38)**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel Pursuant to Government Code 54957 – CEO Evaluation

**Motion was made by Director Chadwick, seconded by Director Ayres, and carried (4-0), to convene to closed session. (Director Lenac unable to vote, as he had to leave the meeting.)**

I. Information Items

1. Committee Assignments
2. Approved Grants and Sponsorships as of October 31, 2021
3. Unpaid Grants and Sponsorships as of October 31, 2021

J. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting(s):

1. Monday, December 6, 2021, 7:30 a.m.
2. Friday, December 17, 2021, 7:30 a.m.

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, **on motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at approximately 9:30 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

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Gloria A. Chadwick, RN, Secretary

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Virginia Hall, RN, President