

**Tulare Local Health Care District  
Board of Directors  
Special Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 9, 2017**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Masonic Lodge  
135 West Tulare Avenue, Tulare CA 93274**

**Members Present**

**Kevin Northcraft**

**Mike Jamaica**

**Senovia Gutierrez**

**Richard Torrez – absent**

**Linda Wilbourn - absent**

**I. Call to order**

**II. Citizen Requests/Public Comments**

**III. Open Session**

A. Declaration of election results pursuant to Elections Code 15400

Motion to declare results of July 11, 2017 election made by Mike Jamaica, seconded by Kevin Northcraft

**Motion passed 3-0**

B. Discussion regarding removal of Board officers

Mike Jamaica served notice the Board on 7/28/17 of the intention to remove the hospital board officers

Motion to remove hospital board officers made by Mike Jamaica, seconded by Kevin Northcraft

**Motion passed 3-0**

C. Discussion regarding election of Board officers

Mike Jamaica nominated Kevin Northcraft for the position of President, seconded by Senovia Gutierrez

**Motion passed 3-0**

Kevin Northcraft nominated Mike Jamaica for the position of Vice President, seconded by Senovia Gutierrez

**Motion passed 3-0**

Kevin Northcraft nominated Senovia Gutierrez for the positions of Secretary/Treasurer, Mike Jamaica seconded

**Motion passed 3-0**

D. Discussion regarding appointment of Board members to committees

Kevin Northcraft appointed Mike Jamaica and Senovia Gutierrez to the Finance/Audit Committee. Other Committee appointments were deferred.

E. Discussion regarding rescinding action to allow less than monthly financial reporting in violation of the contract with HCCA, which requires monthly reporting.

Senovia Gutierrez moved to rescind the board's action allowing less than monthly financial reporting. Seconded by Mike Jamaica

**Motion passed 3-0**

F. Discussion to request staff reports on the payment of Hospital employee retirement, insurance, and related funding, to include current status.

Senovia Gutierrez moved to request as soon as possible the status of payments impacting employees. Seconded by Mike Jamaica.

**Motion passed 3-0**

- G. Discussion to request staff to provide monthly reports of any investigation by state and federal agencies of any alleged violations at the Hospital, to include the staff's responses.

Kevin Northcraft moved to request investigative reports made by State and federal authorities with staff responses. Seconded by Senovia Gutierrez.

**Motion passed 3-0**

#### **IV. Closed Session**

- A. Conference with Interim Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code 54956.9)
  - 1. David Phelps v. Bruce Greene, et al: Tulare Case No. 270681
  - 2. Conference with Interim Legal Counsel - 3 matters

#### **V. Closed session report**

- 1. Board attorney, Mandy Jeffcoach, announced that David Phelps v. Bruce Greene lawsuit, with the District being a nominal defendant, would be followed up on.
- 2. Jeffcoach also indicated the Board has voted to initiate litigation that will be initiated in Tulare County and once formally commenced, the defendants and scope of the litigation will be disclosed to any person upon inquiry unless to do so would jeopardize agency's ability to effectuate service of process or jeopardize ability to conclude settlement negotiations.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.