

SPECIAL MEETINGS

**Tulare Local Health Care District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, February 10, 6:30 PM
&
Thursday, February 11, 6:30 PM
Evolutions Plaza Conference Room
1425 E. Prosperity Ave., Tulare, CA
(Use Prosperity Avenue entrance on north side of Plaza)**

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MINUTES

Tulare Local Health Care District Board Members:

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| Kevin Northcraft | President | District 4 |
| Mike Jamaica | Vice President | District 2 |
| Xavier Avila | Secretary | District 5 |
| Senovia Gutierrez | Director | District 3 |

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2021

1. Call to Order

Kevin Northcraft called the special meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

2. Public Comment

Alex Gutierrez reported he is livestreaming the District meetings from home and inquired if meetings were recorded and posted. Gutierrez also noted that it is important for the Board to be transparent. Gutierrez stated it was his recollection that the District's attorney said it was fine for a current member on the board to sit on two boards.

3. Announcements – Board

Kevin Northcraft announced that Xavier Avila accepted the nomination of Secretary to the Board. Northcraft directed staff to draft a letter in recognition of Steve Harrell's service and in recognition of his dedication to the District. Senovia Gutierrez stated she is interested in being the Board Treasurer.

4. Discussion and Action related to Nomination Procedures and Timeline, and Requests for Applications for One Seat on the TLHCD Board (District 1)

Motion was made by Mike Jamaica and seconded by Senovia Gutierrez to accept letters of interest for the District 1 seat 30 days following the posting of District announcement of vacancy and call for letters of interest.

5. Tower Construction Committee

- a. Discussion regarding interview process – Northcraft discussed how questioning would take place amongst the Directors.
- b. Review applications and conduct interviews – Interviews were conducted with the first 5 applicants.
- c. Discussion and action to appoint members to the Tower Construction Committee – Appointments will be made after interviews of remaining applicants have been concluded on Thursday evening.

6. Suspend Open Session – Recess to Closed Session at 8:07 PM.

7. Closed Session

- a. Potential Litigation (*pursuant to Ca. Govt. Code § 54956.9*)
- b. End closed session at 8:26 PM.

8. Reconvene Open Session – Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (If Necessary) pursuant to Government Code 54957.1

Nothing to report.

9. Adjournment at 8:27 PM.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Tulare Local Health Care District Board Members:

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| Kevin Northcraft | President | District 4 |
| Mike Jamaica | Vice President | District 2 |
| Xavier Avila | Secretary | District 5 |
| Senovia Gutierrez | Director | District 3 |

1. Call to Order

Kevin Northcraft called the special meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

2. Public Comment

Alex Gutierrez again suggested that Board meetings be livestreamed for transparency purposes. Gutierrez also brought up two Board members serving on two different boards which are incompatible. Northcraft responded to Gutierrez stating that Valley Voice, in the past, posted videos of meetings on their website. Northcraft advised that the Board will be provided training by legal counsel on the new Assembly Bill limiting comments by board members on social media.

3. Announcements – Board

None.

4. Tower Construction Committee

- a. Discussion regarding interview process
- b. Review applications and conduct interviews – Interviews were conducted with last applicants. Ormonde reported that Veronica Hamilton declined her interview and will not be in attendance.
- c. Discussion and action to appoint members to the Tower Construction Committee

Recessed Meeting at 7:11 PM.

Reconvened Meeting and continued Tower Construction Committee Interviews at 7:41 PM.

After completion of interviews, motions of appointment were made as follows:

Motion was made by Xavier Avila and seconded by Senovia Gutierrez to appoint John Atilano. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion was made by Xavier Avila and seconded by Mike Jamaica to appoint Rick Albert. Motion approved 3-1 with Senovia Gutierrez voting no.

Motion was made by Xavier Avila and seconded by Mike Jamaica to appoint Philip Smith. Motion approved 4-0.

Motion was made by Senovia Gutierrez and seconded by Kevin Northcraft to appoint Mike Shaffer. Motion approved 4-0

Motion was made by Senovia Gutierrez and seconded by Xavier Avila to appoint Linda Crase. Motion approved 4-0.

- 5. Suspend Open Session – Recess to Closed Session at 8:14 PM.**
- 6. Closed Session**
 - a. Potential Litigation (*pursuant to Ca. Govt. Code § 54956.9*)
 - b. End closed session at 8:14 PM.
- 7. Reconvene Open Session – Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (If Necessary) pursuant to Government Code 54957.1**

Nothing to report.
- 8. Adjournment at 8:15 PM. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 6:30 PM, at the Evolutions Plaza Conference Room.**

Xavier Avila
Secretary