

REVISED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF THE TULARE LOCAL HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

Adopted:

PREAMBLE

Pursuant to the authority given by The Local Health Care District Law, California Health and Safety Code 32000 *et seq.* (the “Code”), these Bylaws are adopted for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations necessary for the exercise of the powers conferred and the performance of the duties imposed upon the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Tulare Local Healthcare District by the laws of the State of California.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION/TITLE TO PROPERTY HELD

1.1 Name. The name of this District shall be the “Tulare Local Healthcare District,” hereinafter referred to as the “District.”

1.2 Office. The principal office of the District is hereby fixed at 1437 E Prosperity Avenue, Tulare, CA 93274, Tulare County, California, which location may be changed at any time upon a vote of the Board.

1.3 Title to Property. Unless otherwise allowed by law, title to all property of the District shall be vested in the District, and the signature of the President authorized at any meeting of the Board shall constitute the proper authority for the purchase, sale or transfer of property, or for the investment or other expenditure of funds which are subject to the control of the District.

ARTICLE II

SCOPE AND PURPOSE

2.1 Scope of Bylaws. These Bylaws shall be known as the “District Bylaws” and shall govern the District, its Board and Officers, and all of its affiliated and subordinate organizations and groups.

(a) Delegation. The Board may delegate certain powers to other affiliated and subordinate organizations and groups, such powers to be exercised in accordance with the respective Bylaws of such groups. All powers and functions not expressly delegated to such affiliated or subordinate organizations or groups in the Bylaws of such other organizations or groups are to be considered residual powers vested in the Board. The Bylaws of affiliated and subordinate organizations and groups, and any amendments to such Bylaws, shall not be effective until approved by the Board.

(b) Conflict. In the event of any conflict between the Bylaws of any other affiliated or subordinate organization or group and the provisions of these District Bylaws, these District Bylaws shall prevail. In the event the District Bylaws are in conflict with any state or federal statute governing California hospital districts or public agencies, or the California or U.S. Constitution(s), such statute or said Constitution(s) shall prevail.

2.2 Purpose. The purpose of the District, subject to the Code and all other applicable law, including, without limitation, the Government Code and the Elections Code (together with the Code, collectively the “Applicable Law”), is to pursue the mission of the District as determined and approved by the Board.

2.2 Profit or Gain. There shall be no contemplation of profit or pecuniary gain, and no distribution of profits to any individual, under any guise whatsoever, nor shall there be any distribution of assets or surpluses to any individual on the dissolution of this District.

2.3 Disposition of Surplus Revenue. Should the operation of the District result in a surplus of revenue over expenses during any particular period, such surplus may be utilized by the Board only for the benefit of the community in keeping with the District’s mission, or for other purposes not inconsistent with the Applicable Law or these Bylaws.

ARTICLE III **DIRECTORS**

3.1 Numbers and Qualification. The Board shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a registered voter domiciled in one of five (5) separate geographically delineated zones of the District, as identified and modified by the Board in accordance with Section 32100.1 of the Code. Only one qualifying person may serve from each geographic zone at a given time. No person shall be eligible to hold office as a member of the Board unless: (a) said person has been a fulltime resident, for at least thirty (30) days immediately preceding the date of election or appointment, of the zone from which said person is elected or appointed; and (b) said person remains domiciled in the zone from which said person is elected or appointed for the duration of his or her term.

3.2 Elections/Appointments. Members of the Board shall be elected or appointed in accordance with these District Bylaws and the Applicable Law. Election of members of the Board shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in each even-numbered year, at which time a successor shall be chosen to each member whose term shall expire when the successor takes office pursuant to Applicable Law. Board members shall be elected by zones pursuant to the Code and said elections shall be consolidated with the statewide general election. The qualified candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each zone represented on the ballot shall be elected.

3.3 Vacancies. The remaining Board members shall fill any vacancy on the Board by appointment in accordance with applicable sections of the Government Code and in accordance with this Paragraph. At any time following thirty (30) days after the posting of the vacancy in at least three (3) conspicuous places within the District, the Board shall conduct interviews of interested candidates in an open meeting. The person appointed by the Board shall, unless otherwise determined by a vote of the remaining Board members, assume all responsibilities of the replaced Board member, including committee assignments and any officer position(s).

3.4 Term. Persons elected to the Board shall serve a term of four (4) years. Persons appointed to the Board shall serve the remained of the term of the person said appointee is replacing.

3.5 Resignation/Removal. Any Board member may resign immediately upon written notice given to the President and Secretary of the Board, unless said notice specifies a later

effective time of such resignation. All or any of the members of the Board may be removed only by voters in accordance with the Election Code. Notwithstanding Applicable Law or any portion of these District Bylaws, the term of any member of the Board shall be deemed to have expired if said member is absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings or from three (3) of any five (5) consecutive meetings of the Board, provided that the Board, by resolution voted upon by the other Board members, declares the term of that member expired and that a vacancy exists on the Board.

3.6 Powers and Duties. The Board shall have and exercise all the powers of a Hospital District as set forth in the Code. Specifically, the Board shall be empowered as follows:

(a) To govern the District in accordance with the best interests of the public health.

(b) As to any District-owned or control hospital, healthcare facility, healthcare service or property which is leased to or operated by another entity for such purpose(s), to monitor the performance and compliance of any lessee or operator with the terms, conditions and provisions of any such lease or other agreement, and to exercise and enforce any and all of the District's rights under any such lease or other agreement.

(c) To otherwise control and be responsible for the management of all operations and affairs of the District.

(d) To make and enforce all rules and regulations necessary for the administration, governance, protection, and maintenance of hospitals and other facilities under District jurisdiction.

(e) To contract for administrative services to carry out the day-to-day operations of the District.

(f) To coordinate the services of the District with community agencies and healthcare providers and/or institutions.

(g) To conduct educational and research activities essential to the attainment of its purpose.

(h) To provide assistance or support for programs and services as permitted under the Code.

(i) To approve or disapprove all or part of the constitutions, bylaws, rules and regulations including amendments thereof, of all affiliated or subordinate organizations.

(j) To establish policies for the operation of the District and any of its facilities.

(k) To adopt resolutions and ordinances establishing policies or rules for the operation of this District and any of its facilities.

(l) To designate, by resolution, persons who shall have authority to sign checks drawn on the funds of the District.

(m) To negotiate or enter into agreement with independent contractors and vendors.

(n) To recruit, negotiate the terms of employment with, hire, manage and terminate the Chief Executive Officer of the District.

(o) To do any and all other acts and things necessary to carry out the provisions of these District Bylaws or of the provisions of the Code.

3.7 Compensation. The members of the Board shall serve without compensation; *provided, however*, that the Board, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, may provide compensation for a member's attendance at a meeting in furtherance of the District interests or in performance of any official duties.

3.8 Ethics/Transparency. All actions by members of the Board in the administration of their official duties shall be carried out in accordance with state law governing the requirements of ethical and transparent conduct on the part of public officials and agencies. Members of the Board shall timely undertake ethics training as required by state law, and said members who do not meet this requirement shall not receive any authorized reimbursements from the District until such training is completed. Not later than thirty (30) days after being sworn into office, any new member(s) of the Board shall receive an orientation from the District's General Counsel (or Board designee) regarding the Brown Act and other laws governing the requirements for ethical conduct on the part of public officials and agencies.

3.9 Advocacy. Neither the Board nor any member thereof may adopt a specific advocacy position on behalf of the District in violation of the election law or the Government Code, or prior to the Board formally voting to take such a position.

ARTICLE IV

BOARD MEETINGS

4.1 Regular Meetings. One regular meeting of the Board shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at a time previously specified by the Board. However, in lieu of or in addition to such meeting day or time or place, the Board may, upon affirmative vote of a majority of its total members at a prior meeting, designate a different day, time, and/or place or cancel a meeting by giving notice pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 *et seq.* The regular meeting of the Board shall be recessed in the month(s) of [REDACTED] each year.

4.2 Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called by three (3) Directors, or by the President, and notice of the holding of such meeting shall be delivered to each member of the Board and published to the public at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to commencement of the meeting. The notice of said meeting shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to transacted. No other business shall be considered at special meetings. The requirement of notice shall be waived with respect to any member present at the meeting when it is convened.

4.3 Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The act of a majority of the Board members present at a meeting in which quorum is present shall be the act of the Board.

4.4 Abstention and Recusal/Effect on Quorum/Limited Exception. A member of the Board may abstain from any vote at that member's discretion, for any reason or for no reason, or shall be recused from votes as required by law. An abstaining member of the Board may remain present while the vote is conducted and shall count for the purpose of maintaining quorum. A recusing member of the Board shall state the underlying reason prior to a vote requiring recusal, shall leave the meeting while the vote is conducted, and shall not be counted for the purpose of maintaining quorum. Each member of the Board shall, as required by the policies of the District and California law, report conflicts of interest prior to a vote on any subject matter giving rise to said conflict and thereafter be recused from said vote if required by District policy or Applicable Law; *provided, that*, in the event a recusal will have the effect of breaking quorum, upon a vote taken by the non-recusing members of the Board, the Board may adjourn the meeting to a later date or observe the rule of necessity.

4.4 Adjournment. A quorum of the Board may adjourn any Board meeting, either regular or special, to meet again at a later day and hour; *provided, however*, that in the absence of a quorum, a majority of the Directors present at any Board meeting may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the Board.

4.5 Public Meetings. All meetings of the Board, whether regular, special, or adjourned, shall be open to the public; *provided, however*, that the foregoing shall not be construed to prevent the Board from holding closed session meetings as permissible under the Brown Act.

4.6 Minutes. The Secretary of the Board shall cause to be kept at the principal office of the District, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Board, showing the time and place, whether regular or special, and, if special, how authorized, the notice given, the names of the Directors present, a statement of the vote of the Directors of all motions and resolutions, and any reportable action by the Board during closed session.

4.7 Parliamentary Procedure. Meetings will be conducted according to parliamentary procedure outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, or another generally recognized authority on parliamentary procedure, as determined by a vote of the Board; *provided, however*, that in no event shall the parliamentary procedure used by the Board change more than once in any twelve (12) month period.

4.8 Teleconferencing/Virtual Meetings. Board members shall be allowed to attend meeting via teleconferencing as allowed by Applicable Law. Whenever practical, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall allow for the public to access the meetings using an internet-based service option and a call-in option.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS

5.1 Officers. The Board shall elect from its members persons to act as a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Each such officer shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, and shall take office immediately upon being elected. Each of these officers shall be automatically deemed to have been removed upon the removal or resignation of the officer from the Board. Subject to Paragraph 5.2 below, election of officers shall occur at the first regular meeting following an even numbered election year.

5.2 Election of Officers/Resignation/Removal. Election of officers shall occur at the first regular meeting following an even numbered election year. Each officer shall hold office for two (2) years, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, or until he/she is otherwise disqualified to serve or resigns. The Board may, at any regular or special meeting, remove an officer at any time and for any reason or for no reason; *provided, however*, a vote for said removal must be included on the agenda for said meeting, must take place in open session, and may not include the vote of the officer being considered for removal (if a member of the Board). In the event of a resignation or removal of an officer, the Board shall, as soon as practicable, elect a successor to serve the balance of the departing officer's term.

5.3 President. The President shall be the principal officer of the District and shall act as the presiding officer of the Board. If at any time the President shall be unable to act, the Vice President shall take his/her place and perform his/her duties. If the Vice President shall also be unable to act, the Board may appoint another member of the Board to do so, and such person shall be vested temporarily with all the functions and duties of the office of President.

The President, or a member of the Board acting in such capacity:

- (a) Shall preside over all meetings of the Board.
- (b) Shall, in conjunction with the District's CEO and General Counsel, be responsible for the placement of all items on meeting agendas.
- (c) Shall sign, as President, on behalf of the District, all contracts, conveyances and other instruments in writing which the Board shall authorize or direct the President to sign.
- (d) Shall have, subject to the advice and control of the Board and in conjunction with the District's CEO, general responsibility for management of the affairs of the District and for coordination and communication with General Counsel, auditors and consultants.
- (e) May designate members of the Board to undertake special responsibilities and projects, and require said members to make reports to the Board regarding the same.
- (f) Shall, unless otherwise stated in a committee's charter or these District Bylaws, make appointments to committees of the District.
- (g) Shall represent the Board at official functions when necessary, serve as spokesperson for the Board regarding District activities, and keep the Board informed of such occasions; *provided, however*, that the President may not, in the performance of this duty, make decisions or take positions on behalf of the Board or bind the District without the prior approval of the Board.
- (h) May call special meetings.
- (i) Shall perform such other duties as pertain to the office, as determined by the Board.

5.4 Vice President. The Vice President shall, in the event of death, absence, or other inability of the President, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties herein given to the President.

5.5 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, accurate and complete minutes of all meetings, attend to all correspondence of the Board, and perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his/her office. The Secretary shall give or cause to be given appropriate notices in accordance with these District Bylaws or as required by Applicable Law and shall act as custodian of District records and reports and of the District's seal.

5.6 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be responsible for ascertaining that all receipts are deposited and disbursements made in accordance with these District Bylaws, the directions of the Board, and good business practice, and shall be responsible for the financial records of the District. The Treasurer shall perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to his/her office.

5.7 Other Officers. The Board may create such other offices as the business of the District may require, and the holder of each such office shall hold office for such period, have such authority, and perform such duties as are provided in these Bylaws, or as the Board may from time to time determine. Such additional offices may be filled either by members or non-members of the Board.

ARTICLE VI **COMMITTEES**

6.1 Appointment/Powers. Subject to this Article VI, the Board may form special (ad hoc) or standing committees. All Board committee members shall be appointed by the President. The chairperson of each committee shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Board. All committees shall be advisory only unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Board. No more than two (2) Board members may be appointed to a committee.

6.2 Meetings/Notice/Minutes. Meetings of a committee may be scheduled on a regular basis, and/or may be called by the President, the chairman of the committee, or a majority of the committee members. Each committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and shall report periodically to the Board or as directed by the President.

6.3 Manner of Acting. The act of a majority of the members of a committee present at a meeting which has quorum shall be the act of the committee.

6.4 Tenure. Each committee member shall hold office until the Board's first meeting of a calendar year and until a successor is appointed. Any committee member may be removed at any time by the President, subject to the consent of the Board. A member of the Board shall cease to hold a committee membership upon ceasing to be a Board member. The President may appoint a temporary committee member to serve during the absence of a regular committee member, or the President may serve.

6.5 Special (Ad Hoc) Committees. Special committees may be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Board, for such special tasks as circumstances warrant. Such special committees shall limit their activities to the accomplishment of the task for which created and appointed, and shall have no power to act except such as is specifically conferred by the action of the Board. Unless otherwise provided in the charter of a special committee, a committee

chairman may invite individuals with expertise in a pertinent area to meet with and assist said committee. Such consultants shall not vote or be counted in determining quorum. Upon completion of the task for which appointed, such special committee shall stand discharged. Minutes of special committee meetings shall be distributed in a timely manner to all Board members. Special committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act.

6.6 Standing Committees. Standing committees and each chairperson thereof, may be appointed by the President when such standing committees are deemed necessary. Such standing committees shall limit their activities to the accomplishment of the task for which they were created and appointed. Said standing committees, as may be created, shall be discharged by motion duly made and passed by the Board. Minutes of standing committee meetings shall be distributed in a timely manner to all Board members. Standing committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Brown Act. Notwithstanding any provision of this Paragraph 6.6 to the contrary, the District shall always have a Finance Committee, which shall review and forward to the full Board the following reports: profit & loss report (monthly and 12-month), balance sheet, and any other financial information necessary for the Board to periodically review the financial standing the of the District.

ARTICLE VII

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

7.1 General Terms. The Board may, but is not required to, engage the services of a Chief Executive Officer (CEO) as an employee or by contract through a management agreement. The Board shall be solely responsible for the appointment, management and dismissal of the CEO, subject to terms as determined by the Board. On a periodic basis, but no less frequently than at least once each year, the Board shall meet in closed session to evaluate the performance of the CEO, which evaluation shall be communicated to the CEO by the President or the Board's designee. The CEO shall act as the duly authorized representative of the Board in all matters in which the Board has not formally designated some other person to so act. The CEO's specific ongoing duties shall include, but will not be limited to, the following:

- (a) Plan, organize and direct operations of the District pursuant to policies established by the Board, and advise the Board with respect to the execution of these policies.
- (b) Select, employ, manage and discharge District staff and employees, and develop and maintain personnel policies and practices for the District; *provided, however*, that the CEO is not authorized to create new employment positions without Board approval.
- (c) Prepare and present an annual budget showing the expected revenue and expenditure as required by the Board, its Finance Committee and by Applicable Law, amending the same as reasonably necessary and with the approval of the Board.
- (d) Implement practices necessary to control and effectively utilize and protect the physical and financial resources of the District, including, without limitation: budgeting, oversight of investments, handling of cash, extending of credit, and provision of insurance.

- (e) Function as an interface to the community, with authority to speak for the District in matters of public relations.
- (f) Function as a resource and advisor to the Board in matters pertaining to community benefit needs.
- (g) Serve as liaison between the Board and any of its committees.
- (h) Function as a planner and coordinator relating to the oversight of the District's construction and development projects.
- (i) Prepare and submit regularly to the Board reports showing the professional services performed for, financial activities of, and such other reports as may be required regarding, the District.
- (j) Make all purchases and execute all purchase orders under \$25,000.00 for the District. For purchases over \$25,000.00 but less than \$50,000.00, the CEO must have written approval from at least two Board Officers. The CEO may not execute said purchases in a serial manner designed to obscure the total cost of a particular purchase. Regardless, all of said purchases and contracts shall be upon written order. Written records thereof shall be kept, maintained and reported to the Board no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting after the expenditure occurred.
- (k) With the approval of the President or Board member acting on behalf of the President and without the prior approval of the Board, may authorize an unbudgeted expenditure in a given budgetary period in an amount: (a) up to \$25,000.00 for work, supplies, or equipment not budgeted to exceed a total cost of [REDACTED]; or (b) up to \$50,000.00 for work, supplies, or equipment budgeted to exceed a total cost of [REDACTED]. In such cases, CEO will request ratification of such action at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- (l) Perform duties assigned or delegated by the Board and/or necessary to serve the best interest of the District.

ARTICLE VIII

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Board recognizes that conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest may arise involving members of the Board, employees or consultants to the Board. Pursuant to Section 1090 of the Government Code and in order to address such conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest, the Board has adopted a Conflict of Interest Code and Policy which will be reviewed periodically as required by law. By March 15th of each year, persons holding designated positions, as specified in the District's Conflict of Interest Code and Policy, shall file a "Statement of Economic Interests for Designated Employees" (Form 700). The Board shall assess the adequacy of said Policy no less frequently than every three (3) years. Members of the Board and Officers of the District shall, as soon as possible, disclose to the Board any potential conflict of interest arising from or related to: (a) any action or transaction of the District; (b) negotiations or discussions with

a third party by any representative of the District; and/or (c) any discussion or action to be taken by the Board.

ARTICLE IX **AMENDMENT**

These Bylaws shall be reviewed annually by the Board in consultation with General Counsel for the District and may be amended by affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of members of the Board at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided a full statement of such proposed amendment shall have been sent to each Board member and published to the public not less than seven (7) days prior to the meeting at which amendment will be considered.

ARTICLE X **MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

10.1 Illegal and Prohibited Acts. No member of the Board, employee, agent or independent contractor shall receive any commission, money or thing of value or derive profit, benefit or advantage, directly or indirectly from, or by reason of any dealings with, the services for the District by himself/herself or otherwise, except the lawful compensations as such officer, employee, agent or independent contractor.

10.2 No Broker Commissions. No person soliciting or securing a contract from the District shall employ any other person to solicit or secure said contract upon any agreement for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee; *provided, however*, that this prohibition shall not apply to commissions payable by contractors upon contracts or sales secured or made through bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the contractor for the purpose of securing business.

10.3 Contract Provision. The President, Secretary, and General Counsel for the District shall, whenever practicable, cause provisions to be inserted in all contracts to be executed by the District embodying the substance of this Article and further providing that any violation of said provision in said contract shall render the contract or transaction involved voidable at the option of the District. Whenever practicable, an affidavit or other certification from the contractor shall be inserted in such contracts confirming that said provisions in said contract have been complied with.

ARTICLE XI **BOARD EVALUATION**

With input from the CEO, the Board will set objectives for measuring its own performance and evaluate itself at least annually.

ARTICLE XII **SEAL**

The Board shall have the power to adopt a form of corporate seal, and to alter it at pleasure.

ARTICLE XIII **INDEMNIFICATION**

13.1 Indemnity for Official Acts. To the full extent permitted by law, subject to Paragraph 13.2 below, the District shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the District to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director officer, employee or agent of the District, or is or was serving at the request of the District as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if he acted within the scope of his authority and in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the District and except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the District, unless and only to the extent that the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which such court shall deem proper.

13.2 Conditions of Indemnity. Any indemnification under Paragraph 13.1 above shall be made by the District only as authorized in the specific case upon a determination that indemnification of the director, officer employee or agent is proper in the circumstances because he or she has met the applicable standard of conduct set forth therein. Such determination shall be made: (a) by the Board by a majority vote of a quorum consisting of members who were not parties to such action, suit or proceeding; or (b) if such quorum is not obtainable, or, even if obtainable a quorum of disinterested members so directs, by independent legal counsel in a written opinion.

ARTICLE XIV

ADOPTION

Upon the adoption of these revised Bylaws, all prior Bylaws and Amendments thereto are to be of no further force and effect. If any of these District Bylaws, or provisions contained herein are found to be contrary to the laws of the State of California, such Bylaw sections or section, are deemed to have no force and effect, but all remaining Bylaws, sections or section, are to remain in full force and effect.

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ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED this _____ day of May, 2026, at Tulare, California.

Kevin Northcraft, President
Board of Directors
Tulare Local Healthcare District

WITNESSED:

Xavier Avila, Secretary
Board of Directors
Tulare Local Healthcare District

Dated

Resolution No. _____ Adopting Restated and Revised Bylaws _____