

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT  
December 15, 2022  
Conference Room, 525 Veterans Boulevard  
Redwood City, CA 94063**

<p><b><u>Directors Present</u></b> Director Fong Director Griffin Director Martinez Director Nayfack Director Shefren</p>	<p><b><u>Directors Excused</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Also Present</u></b> Pamela Kurtzman, CEO Mr. Hudak, Legal Counsel Ms. Stamper, Recorder</p>
<p><b><u>1. Call to Order</u></b></p> <p>President Shefren called the meeting to order at 5:00PM. Roll call attendance was taken. Director Martinez was absent. A quorum was present.</p>		
<p><b><u>2. Public Comment/Non-Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p>President Shefren asked if there was any public comment on non-agenda items. There was none.</p>		
<p><b><u>3.a. Accept November 8, 2022 Election Results From San Mateo County Registrar’s Office And Recognize Dr. William Fong, Dr. Aaron Nayfack, And Dr. Gerald Shefren As Elected Directors For The Term 12/2/2022 To 12/4/2026</u></b></p> <p>President Shefren asked if there was public comment on this agenda item. There was none.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> To accept the November 8, 2022 election results from the San Mateo County Registrar’s Office and recognize Dr. William Fong, Dr. Aaron Nayfack, And Dr. Gerald Shefren as elected Directors for the term of December 2, 2022 To December 4, 2026.  <b>By:</b> Director Nayfack  <b>Seconded by:</b> Director Griffin  <b>Vote:</b> Ayes - Fong, Griffin, Nayfack, Shefren          Nos --          Abstain --          Absent -- Martinez  <b>Motion Passed: 4-0-0-1</b></p>		
<p><b><u>3.b. Continue Discussion Of Dental Pilot With San Mateo County Dental Society And Health Plan Of San Mateo</u></b></p> <p>Director Martinez joined the meeting.</p> <p>President Shefren asked if there was public comment on this agenda item. There was none.</p> <p>CEO Kurtzman introduced Nakia Brandt of San Mateo County Dental Society (SMCDS) and Pat Curran of Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM). HPSM is the health plan for people with MediCal. HPSM has integrated dental in addition to medical and has worked for many years with SMCDS.</p> <p>CEO Kurtzman described how the shortage of Dental providers accepting DentiCal insurance, has resulted in significant barriers to access for patients and the problem is expected to get worse when Medi-Cal benefits are expanded to all undocumented residents effective January 2024. CEO Kurtzman presented additional details of the proposal she is co-developing with Director</p>		

Griffin to partner with SMC Dental Society who has access to 661 dental members and 150 non-members to encourage them to sign on with HPSM and accept Denti-Cal patients from waitlists at Samaritan House, Ravenswood, San Mateo Medical Center Dental Clinic, and Sonrisas. The Sequoia Healthcare District (SHD) and Dignity Health Sequoia Hospital would provide funds to pay the difference between the HPSM reimbursement rate and the private dentists' fee for service, thereby making the acceptance of Denti-Cal patients more palatable to private dental providers and reducing the large wait times for residents to be seen for dental care.

#### 4. Adjourn to Closed Session

Adjourn to Closed Session For:

Under Government Code Sections 54957 and 54957.6 for the following purposes:

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (54957) Title: Chief Executive Officer of Sequoia Healthcare District. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (54957.6) Agency Designated Representative: Jerry Shefren, Board President & Arthur Faro, Vice President, Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer, Sequoia Healthcare District

#### 5. Reconvene To Open Session

Reconvene to Open Session. President Shefren reported Ms. Kurtzman's performance evaluation was excellent and that the Board made the following motion in closed session to increase her compensation:

**Motion:** To approve a salary increase of \$12,650 for COLA and \$5,500 merit, for a total salary increase of \$18,150 for the Sequoia Healthcare District CEO effective January 1, 2023.

**By:** Director Shefren

**Seconded by:** Director Nayfack

**Vote:** Ayes - Fong, Griffin, Martinez, Nayfack, Shefren

Nos --

Abstain --

Absent --

**Motion Passed: 5-0**

#### 6. Adjourn

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM.

**By:** Director Nayfack

**Seconded by:** Director Griffin

**All in favor**

**Motion Passed**

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Sequoia Healthcare District is scheduled for 4:30 PM, Wednesday, February 1, 2023, District Conference Room, 525 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Nayfack, M.D.,  
Secretary