

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SEQUOIA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
February 2, 2022
Conference Room, 525 Veterans Boulevard
Redwood City, CA 94063**

Directors Present

Director Faro
Director Griffin
Director Nayfack
Director Martinez
Director Shefren

Directors Excused

Also Present

Pamela Kurtzman, CEO
Mr. Hudak, Legal Counsel
Ms. Stamper, Recorder

Per Resolution 2022-01, this meeting was held
via Zoom teleconference

1. Call to Order

President Shefren called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Roll call attendance was taken. Directors Griffin, Nayfack, Martinez and Shefren were present. A quorum was present.

2. Public Comment/Non-Agenda Items

President Shefren asked if there was any public comment on non-agenda items. There was none.

3. Consent Calendar

Motion: To approve consent calendar

By: Director Griffin

Seconded by: Director Nayfack

Vote: Ayes - Griffin, Martinez, Nayfack, Shefren

Nos --

Abstain --

Absent -- Faro

Motion Passed: 4-0-0-1

**4.a. Approve Resolution 2022-02 To Authorize Remote
Teleconferencing Meetings Of The Sequoia Healthcare District Legislative
Bodies For The Period February 2 - March 2, 2022.**

President Shefren asked if there was public comment on this agenda item. There was none.

Motion: To approve resolution 2022-02 - to authorize remote teleconferencing meetings of the Sequoia Healthcare District Legislative Bodies for the period of February 2 - March 2, 2022.

By: Director Nayfack

Seconded by: Director Martinez

Vote: Ayes - Griffin, Martinez, Nayfack, Shefren

Nos --

Abstain --

Absent -- Faro

Motion Passed: 4-0-0-1

4.b. Annual State of the District

President Shefren asked if there was any public comment on this agenda item. There was none.

- CEO Kurtzman reflected on the challenges and triumphs of the past fiscal year. Among the triumphs she noted that programs are running efficiently and producing impactful outcomes. The District has a committed and talented staff to carry out our key objectives, a unified board to provide oversight and set direction, and the CEO retains strong financial oversight of the District finances. We have a robust community grants and school grants program that is supported by tax revenue that has been steadily increasing, and we are more visible in the community than we have ever been. However, the health and social challenges we were facing pre-Covid still exist. In fact, the pandemic has worsened these concerns; non-profits are overburdened and the shortage of a health supporting workforce is a significant and growing problem and although public support for programs impacting undocumented residents has been growing significantly more attention, views are divided. Long-term recovery will take years and measuring impact is difficult.

Director Faro joined the meeting during the presentation at 4:42 PM

4.c. Update and Discussion on Redistricting Maps

President Shefren asked if there was any public comment on this agenda item. There was none.

The census data shows a 13.4% deviation in population between current zones which requires the District to redraw the zone boundaries. Ms. Bratton presented multiple zone maps created with the help of Paul Mitchell, a demographer. Ms. Bratton is scheduled to present the draft maps for public input at the Foster City Rotary Club meeting on March 2nd.

4.d. Approve Resolution 2022-03 To Support Reopening Michelson Therapy Pool

President Shefren asked if there was any public comment on this agenda item. Michael Schroder of the non-profit, Warm Water Wellness, discussed the community's acute need for the reopening of the Michelson Therapy Pool facility.

Motion: To approve Resolution 2022-03 to support reopening Michelson Therapy Pool.

By: Director Shefren

Seconded by: Director Nayfack

Director Griffin requested an amendment to the motion to include "with the same open access hours that it had prior to January 2020," be added to the BE IT RESOLVED paragraph. The amendment was accepted by Directors Shefren and Nayfack.

Amended Motion: To approve Resolution 2022-03 to support reopening Michelson Therapy Pool with the addition of the wording "with the same open access hours that it had prior to January 2020".

Vote: Ayes -- Faro, Griffin, Martinez, Nayfack, Shefren

Nos --

Abstain --

Absent --

Motion Passed: 5-0-0-0

4.e. Consider 2-Year Grant Renewal Request From BGCP of \$93,170 Per Year To Continue Funding Full-Time Bilingual Psychotherapist At Forest High School Center in Redwood City

President Shefren asked if there was any public comment on this agenda item. There was none.

The Boys and Girls Club of the Peninsula with the help of Acknowledge Alliance has been providing therapy to youth suffering from trauma. This past year the therapist saw 44 clients and has provided 985 hours of individual counseling, 59 hours of crisis intervention and consultation, 225 hours of staff consultation and professional development, and 211 hours of case management. 91% of services were provided virtually due to social distancing guidelines. Clients discuss issues ranging from depression and anxiety, to domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, relationship issues, immigration issues, substance abuse and self harm. This grant request covers a portion of the total cost for a full-time therapist.

Motion: To approve a 2-Year Grant Renewal Request From BGCP of \$93,170 Per Year To Continue Funding a Full-Time Bilingual Psychotherapist At Forest High School Center in Redwood City.

By: Director Faro

Seconded by: Director Nayfack

Vote: Ayes - Faro, Griffin, Martinez, Nayfack, Shefren
Nos --
Abstain --
Absent --

Motion Passed: 5-0-0-0

4.f. Director Requests for Future Agenda Items per Board Policy 8.3

President Shefren asked if any Director had an agenda item request. There was none.

5. CEO/Staff Reports

The Dental Society has moved out and One Life Counseling is eager to move in while the District explores long term ideas for the space. They will receive below market rent which is justified by their contribution of community services.

Board and Staff Strategic Planning study session will take place on Thursday, February 10th. The agenda will be sent out on Friday.

Sonrisas Oral Health is holding a meeting on Friday, February 11.

The District is sponsoring Town Hall meetings on The Parent Venture platform. The next meeting will discuss Heart Health and is scheduled for Wednesday, February 23rd.

Ms. Bratton is compiling mid-year report scores and scheduling grantee site visits on Thursdays in February and March.

Letters of Intent to request grant funding (LOI's) for the next years' of community grants are due by Friday, February 11th.

Ms. Bratton reported that the joint SHD/Sequoia Hospital Foundation food grants helped 9,000 clients and were very appreciated.

Dr. Li reported on School Health: The school year has been challenging and should be called the "Year of the School Nurse". Nurses have been contract tracing and testing to keep our

school environment healthy for our children and school staff. The District is supplying PPE and supplies to the school districts, most of which has been generously donated by Trustee Kim Griffin and Dr. Michael Griffin. We have three new Wellness Coordinators and will be conducting a Team Needs Assessment. The School Nurse Mentor Pilot Project has launched and will provide much-needed mentoring for new school nurses. Care Solace and Kognito have recently partnered to provide mental health training and support to the school communities. We are accepting LOIs for 2022-23 HSI grants which are due Friday, February 11th.

Ms. Garcia presented analytics on the Sequoia Strong website. She is continuing to promote the District on social media and the website.

6. 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

7. Reconvene to Open Session

Reconvene to Open Session. There was no reportable action taken in closed session.

8. Adjourn

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

By: Director Nayfack

Seconded by: Director Faro

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, April 6, 2022, District Conference Room, 525 Veterans Blvd., Redwood City, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Nayfack, M.D.,
Secretary