



**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - PUBLIC SESSION**  
Board Room, 1600 West Avenue J, Lancaster, CA 93534

**LOCATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDEES: Auditorium, Community Resource Center**  
**44151 15<sup>th</sup> St. West, Lancaster, CA 93534**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2021**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Abdallah Farrukh, M.D., Chair  
Kristina Hong, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Mike Rives, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
Dr. Tusso, M.D., Secretary  
Don Parazo, M.D., Treasurer

**DIRECTORS ABSENT: NONE**

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Edward Mirzabegian, Chief Executive Officer  
Troy Schell, General Counsel

**6:30PM – ESTIMATED START TIME**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:48PM**

**I. REPORTABLE ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair**

- A. Report on Actions on Claims Filed with the District (REPORT)**
- B. Medical Staff Recommendations (REPORT)**

Dr. Farrukh reported on actions taken in closed to include the approval of the consent calendar and MEC recommendations and report.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR – THE CONSENT CALENDAR, AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE ACTED UPON WITH ONE MOTION, A SECOND AND THE VOTE – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair**

- A. Approval of Board Public Session Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021 (ACTION)**
- B. Acceptance of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2021 (ACTION)**
- C. Acceptance of Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes of November 5, 2020 (ACTION)**
- D. Acceptance of the Construction and Project Cost for Omnicell Machines (ACTION) – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO**

**MOTION:** Ms. Hong made a motion to approve the consent calendar; Dr. Parazo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**



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**A. Finance Committee – Dr. Parazo, Chair**

1. Approval of January 2021 Financial Report (**ACTION**) – Ken Robinson, CFO

Mr. Robinson presented the financial report for January:  
Second month in a row with strong inpatient revenue and low outpatient revenue.  
Revenue was \$33M.  
Samaritan's Purse helped the hospital with labor costs.  
January was the final month of COVID paid time off.  
Decrease in contract labor this month  
Drug costs have been very high – \$2.5M  
Continue with a strong cash position.

Mr. Rives asked why the ER visits are down. Mirzabegian stated that COVID has made an impact on the ED volumes.  
How much did it cost for Samaritan's Purse and FEMA? Mr. Mirzabegian stated FEMA was free and the City helped the hospital with Samaritan's Purse costs.

Mr. Rives asked about the hospital contracting for themselves for nursing? Mr. Mirzabegian stated that this is in the works and that the hospital should have a draft contract sometime in April.

Mr. Rives asked about the Medicare advance money and the timeline to pay it back. Mr. Robinson stated that the hospital has two years to pay this back.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hong made a motion to approve the financial report; Dr. Parazo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Alpha Charter Guild (**INFORMATION ONLY**) Ed Mirzabegian, CEO**

Ms. Fernquist introduced the Alpha Charter Guild group and presented the donation check for \$31K to Antelope Valley Hospital.

**V. BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS – Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair**



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**A. Review and Approval of Antelope Valley Healthcare District Governing Body Bylaws (**POSSIBLE ACTION**)**

Ms. Hong Kristina discussed page 45 of the bylaws.

**MOTION:** Dr. Tuso made a motion to approve the bylaws with the added verbiage “to approve or disapprove” to page 45, section D; Dr. Farrukh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**VI. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT – Ed Mirzabegian (**INFORMATION ONLY**)**

**A. COVID-19 Summary & Update**

Mr. Mirzabegian presented the COVID statistics for February. From last March the hospital has seen 6959 patients for COVID, of which 3339 were positive. 1513 admitted 19 patients currently in-house.  
366 deaths – 10.9%

Vaccination for our employees are ongoing. We have given 4000 doses so far. The hospital will be vaccinating the teachers in the community starting next week.  
The hospital is in the process of NCA  
The hospital started three new programs: Watchmen, Bariatric Surgery and TAVR

Samaritan’s Purse recently left the hospital campus – they helped with 169 patients and were a great help to the hospital. The hospital is very thankful to Samaritan’s Purse.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Public comment was provided to the board by:

Maria Altamirano, AV Hospital RN

Cindy Gillison, AV Hospital RN

Kathleen Stalter, AV Hospital RN

Eric Fernandez, AV Hospital RN

Anna Kirska, AV Hospital, ICU Nurse



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Mr. Mirzabegian commented and stated that he is here every day and he has an open door policy. Mr. Mirzabegian stated that any nurse can come to his office to meet with him.

Stacy Baldegese, AV Hospital Nurse

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:34PM**

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**Abdallah Farrukh, MD, Chair**