



**MEETING NOTICE**  
**ANTELOPE VALLEY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - PUBLIC SESSION**  
Auditorium, Community Resource Center  
44151 15<sup>th</sup> St. West, Lancaster, CA 93534

**NOVEMBER 20, 2019**

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**DIRECTORS PRESENT:**

Mateo Olivarez, RN, Chair  
Phil Tuso, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Don Parazo, M.D., Secretary  
Kristina Hong, NP, Treasurer  
Abdallah Farrukh, M.D., 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:**

None

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Edward Mirzabegian, Chief Executive Officer  
Satya Dandamudi, Chief Medical Officer  
Ravi Shankar, M.D.  
Troy Schell, General Counsel  
Trisha Guerrero, Executive Assistant

**6:30PM – ESTIMATED START TIME**

**OPEN TO PUBLIC SESSION – 6:40**

**I. REPORTABLE ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION – Mateo Olivarez, Chair**

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

Mr. Olivarez reported on actions taken in closed to include:

- Approval of the consent calendar in executive session
- Approval of counsel's recommendation on AVHD 201801122, AVHD 201901144  
AVHD 201600892- Settlement Authority

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

- A. Approval of Board Public Session Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2019 (**ACTION**)
- B. Acceptance of Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of October 30, 2019 (**ACTION**)
- C. Approval of Cerner Upgrade Center Agreement (**ACTION**)- Ed Mirzabegian, CEO

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

**III. COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- 1. Approval of October 2019 Financial Report (**ACTION**) – Ken Robinson, CFO

Mr. Robinson reported the October 2019 financials for approval.



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Highlights included:

October showed an increase in admissions and deliveries

October volumes showed an increase in Medi-cal and a decrease in commercial insurance.

Labor cost increased due to the increase in volumes and the increase of the hospitals FTEs (140)

Revenue for October - 31.8M

**MOTION:** Dr. Farrukh made a motion to approve the October 2019 financials; Ms. Hong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approval of Antelope Valley Healthcare District Fiscal Year 2019 Audit Results- Recommendation to Accept and Publish **(ACTION)** - Ken Robinson, CFO

Mr. Robinson presented a summary of the audit results for FY19. The audit received an unmodified opinion result. Moss Adams noted no deficiencies or recommendations. All disclosures were clear and consistent.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hong made a motion to approve the FY20109 audit results; Dr. Tuso seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

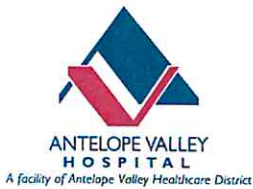
- A. LD.14 Governing Body Bylaws: **(POSSIBLE ACTION)** – Mateo Olivarez, Chair

The board discussed educational opportunities being a required of the board and in addition adding the educational requirements to the bylaws.

Ms. Hong discussed educational opportunities that could consist of webinars and conferences available throughout the year. Ms. Hong expressed the importance of taking educational opportunities and requiring a mandatory minimum educational requirement. Ms. Hong expressed the importance of board members making educational decisions on district business.

Dr. Tuso discussed and encourage that the Hospital provide education opportunities within the district or at the Hospital. The Hospital can invite consultants and speakers to come to the hospital for an evening or weekend rather than requiring mandatory education that required travel.

Dr. Parazo recommended draft language of the educational requirement for the board to review. Dr. Parazo stated that educational opportunities are important.



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Dr. Farrukh suggested that educational information obtained from webinars and conferences can be obtained online and downloaded.

The board decided to continue to review this topic in December.

- B.** Action on Resolution 112019A Approving the resolution of the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Healthcare District determining that the public interest and necessity demand the construction, furnishing, equipping, and supplying of a new, safe, modern, state-of-the-art general acute care hospital and trauma center project with financing through the issuance of general obligation bonds. **(ACTION)** – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO

Mr. Mirzabegian presented Resolution No. 112019B for approval.

Mike Rives provided a public comment on AB2190 and the initiative to build a new hospital. Mr. Rives made a comment on the limited specifications of the resolutions and stated the need for County's monetary support. Mr. Rives gave appreciation to the board for holding many town halls on this initiative.

Dr. Farrukh stated the Antelope Valley needs a new facility with seismic requirements or not. The building is old and is not setup for efficiency in ICU, nursing stations etc. The future demands better care and the care cannot be provided in the old building. The Medi-cal population is growing and AV Hospital will have to provide them care. AV Hospital has high volumes and heavy traffic. Dr. Farrukh would like everyone to be a part of supporting the need for building of a new facility. If the hospital closes, 3000 people will be out of a job.

**MOTION:** Dr. Farrukh made a motion to approve Resolution No.112019A; Ms. Hong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- C.** Action on Resolution 112019B Approving a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Antelope Valley Healthcare District, calling and giving notice of the holding of a special district election on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, for submission of a measure to the qualified voters of the district to approve general obligation bonds and requesting the Board of Supervisors of the county of Los Angeles to consent to and order the consolidation of elections and to render specified services related to the election. **(ACTION)** – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO

Mr. Mirzabegian presented Resolution No. 112019B for approval.

**MOTION:** Dr. Farrukh made a motion to approve Resolution No.112019B; Ms. Hong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.





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Mike Rives provided a comment on the timeline for rebuttal arguments that are due to the County on the GO Bond.

- D.** Action of Resolution 112019C Approving a resolution of the Antelope Valley Healthcare District authorizing the filing of a written argument and a rebuttal argument regarding a district bond measure to be voted upon at a special district election to be held on March 3, 2020. **(ACTION)** – Ed Mirzabegian, CEO

Mr. Mirzabegian presented Resolution No. 112019C for approval.

**MOTION:** Dr. Farrukh made a motion to approve Resolution No.112019C; Ms. Hong seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT – Ed Mirzabegian **(INFORMATION ONLY)****

Mr. Mirzabegian reported on the public campaign for the GO Bond for the new Hospital. The campaign will reach the public and unions. Mr. Mirzabegian will not campaign but will continue to educate the public on the building plans. The work on the ED continues and is a separate project from the new hospital. The ED modular will be complete by summer.

The CNA contract negotiations are in progress. Mr. Mirzabegian encouraged the unions to support the initiative of the new Hospital, which supports and prevents the AVH facility from closing.

Dr. Farrukh stated that walking the floors shows the busy traffic and activity we have at AVH. Our current structure impedes on healthcare. Dr. Farrukh encouraged the nurses to be engaged in the process for a new hospital with regard to their clinical practices in order to improve communication and patient care. Dr. Farrukh discussed how much time lag there is in patient flow due to the antiquated building.

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

Maria Altamirana provided commentary on the nurses being the foundation of the hospital. The nurses are 100% in support of improving AVH. Ms. Altamirana gave her appreciation to Mr. Mirzabegian of including her and the nurse's opinions in talks regarding the new facility.



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Ms. Altamirana discussed the Hospital's high retention rate of nurses here at AVH being a result of the nursing union's collective bargaining agreement. In order to continue with retention and recruitment Ms. Altamirana encourages the CBA does not include many takeaways. Ms. Altamirana stated that if takeaways continue, the bargaining would not look good.

Dr. Farrukh encouraged the nurses to come with positive attitudes. The AV Hospital institution needs to stay and continue to grow.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT - 7:32PM**

  
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Mated Olivarez, RN, Chair