

**Tulare Local Health Care District  
Board of Directors Special Meeting  
Wednesday, December 12, 2022, 6:30 PM  
Administrative Offices, Modular Building  
842 N. Gem, Tulare, CA  
(Northeast corner of Terrace and Gem Street)**

**Electronic participation will be available via Zoom Webinar link/phone number below.**

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# MINUTES

December 12, 2022

## **Tulare Local Health Care District Board Members Present:**

Kevin Northcraft	President	District 4
Mike Jamacia	Vice President	District 2
Xavier J. Avila	Secretary	District 5
Margaret Fidler	Treasurer	District 3
Brandon Taylor	Director	District 1

**1. Call to Order**

President Northcraft called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

**2. Public Comment**

None.

**3. Announcements – Board**

**4. Recognition of Marmie Fidler for Service to District**

**5. Administer Oath of Office to Director (Appointed) Brandon Taylor**

The Oath of Office was administered to Brandon Taylor by Notary Public Paula Tucker.

**6. Administer Oath of Office to Director (Elect) Jevon Price**

The Oath of Office was administered to Jevon Price by Notary Public Paula Tucker.

**7. Brief Recess – Reception for Newly Appointed/Elected Directors and Guests**

**8. Election of Officer(s)/Standing Committee Appointment(s)**

Director Price was elected Treasurer of the Board of Directors. A motion was made by Director Avila, seconded by Director Jamaica. Approved 5-0

Director Price was appointed to the Finance Committee with a motion by Director Avila, seconded by Director Jamaica. Approved 5-0

Director Avila nominated Director Price to the Tower Construction Committee. A motion was made by Director Avila and seconded by Director Jamaica. Approved 5-0

**9. Discussion and Action regarding the Approval of the CEO Severance Agreement for Philip Smith.**

Jason Howard advised by a vote of the Board of Directors, it was approved to dismiss Philip Smith, CEO, and offer Mr. Smith a Severance Agreement. Director Avila moved to approve the Severance Agreement, seconded by Director Jamaica. Approved 5-0

**10. Discussion and Action Related to Recruitment Search Process and Timeline for Chief Executive Officer Position.**

Director Northcraft gave a brief overview of the timeline to recruit a new CEO.

**11. Discussion and Action regarding Appointing Randy Dodd as CEO on an Interim Basis While Recruitment Search is Conducted for Permanent CEO.**

Director Northcraft commented on the dedication Randy Dodd has to the hospital. Randy Dodd noted there is unfinished business. He is excited to have the opportunity to serve as the Interim CEO. A motion was made by Director Northcraft and seconded by Director Jamaica to approve the appointment of Randy Dodd as Interim CEO. Approved 5-0.

**12. Discussion and Action regarding Compensation to be Paid to Interim CEO (if Appointed by the Board).**

A motion was made by Director Northcraft and seconded by Director Jamaica to approve the appointment of Randy Dodd as Interim CEO. Approved 5-0.

**13. Discussion and Action to Approve Resolution 916 Granting General Banking Signatory Authority to Sandra Ormonde and/or Interim CEO and Directors Serving on the Finance Committee.**

Jason Howard summarized you would be approving Resolution 916 and authorizing the signers. A motion was made by Director Northcraft and seconded by Director to approve Resolution 916 as presented. Approved 5-0.

**Discussion and Potential Action regarding Final Approval/Ratification of Energy Services Contract with ENGIE Services U.S. Inc. – District General Counsel.**

Jason Howard gave a brief overview of the updated contract provided by ENGIE. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Director Northcraft and seconded by Director Avila. Approved 5-0

**14. Suspend Open Session at 7:23– Recess to Closed Session.**

**15. Closed Session 7:34**

- a. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing litigation (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54956.9*):
  - i. *Tulare Local Health Care District v. Bruce R. Greene, et al.*, Superior Court for the State of California for Kern County Case No. BCV-19-103514; and
  - ii. *Boneso Bros. Construction v. Tulare Local Healthcare District*, Superior Court for the County of Tulare, Case No. VCU292615.
- b. Public Employee Employment and Appointment regarding Chief Executive Officer position (*pursuant to Gov. Code § 54957(b)(1)*).
- c. Conference with agency designated representative on labor negotiations regarding Chief Executive Officer position (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54957.6*).
- d. End closed session.

**16. Reconvene Open Session – Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (If Necessary) pursuant to Government Code 54957.1.**

**17. Adjournment at 8:22– Next regular meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at the Administrative Offices, Modular Building, Northeast corner of Terrace and Gem Street.**