

SPECIAL MEETING

**Tulare Local Health Care District
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 6:30 PM
Evolutions Plaza Conference Room
1425 E. Prosperity Ave., Tulare, CA
(Use Prosperity Avenue entrance on north side of Plaza)**

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MINUTES

Tulare Local Health Care District Board Members:

Kevin Northcraft	President	District 4
Mike Jamaica	Vice President	District 2
Xavier J. Avila	Secretary	District 5
Vacant	Director	District 3

1. Call to Order

President Northcraft called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

2. Public Comment

Alex Gutierrez was pleased with the CEO interview process. Gutierrez also commented that District 3 deserves recognition and hopes the Board does their due diligence in making sure the best candidate will represent District 3.

Senovia Gutierrez commented that she hopes the Board takes into consideration the Hispanic population in District 3.

3. Announcements – Board

Xavier Avila acknowledged that Alex Gutierrez was instrumental in the recall of Dr. Kumar.

4. Suspend Open Session – Recess to Closed Session at 6:41 PM

5. Closed Session at 6:43 PM

- a. Discussion and Action on Public Employee Appointment of Chief Executive Officer (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54957(b)(1)*)
- b. Conference with agency designated representative, Kevin Northcraft, on labor negotiations regarding Chief Executive Officer position (*pursuant to Govt. Code § 54957.6*)
- c. End closed session at 6:51 PM.

6. Reconvene Open Session at 6:54 PM – Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session (If Necessary) pursuant to Government Code 54957.1

President Kevin Northcraft announced the appointment of Phil Smith as the new Chief Executive Officer. No start date is known at this time. Vice President Jamaica advised that there will soon be a vacancy in District 1 and encouraged residents in that district to submit a letter of interest once noticed.

7. District 3 Director Appointment

- a. Discussion regarding interview process: CEO Ormonde reviewed the interview process and advised that two letters of interest were received by the deadline. Once interviews are conducted, a motion should be made for the next steps.
- b. Review letters of interest and conduct interviews: Interviews were conducted by the Board in open session with Marmie Fidler and Bill Postlewaite.

- c. Discussion and Action Related to Appointment of District 3 Director
After interviews were completed, Senovia Gutierrez commented that she has a great candidate, Cecilia Herrera, who is a woman, of Hispanic descent and works in healthcare. Via Zoom, Ms. Herrera proceeded to share her interest in representing District 3 and hope that the Board would consider her interest.

Senovia Gutierrez stated she agrees that the Board should re-open the notice to accept applications of interest so there will be more options to choose from.

Motion was made by Kevin Northcraft and seconded by Mike Jamaica to push back the date to accept letters of interest for District 3 Director. Motion approved 2-0. Xavier Avila abstained.

Bill Postlewaite withdrew his application.

8. **Adjournment at 7:43 PM – Next regular meeting scheduled for 6:30 PM on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at the Evolutions Plaza Conference Room.**