

**Tulare Local Health Care District
Board of Directors
Emergency Meeting Agenda
Friday, September 29, 2017
6:30 p.m.
First Congregational Church
220 W. Tulare Avenue, Tulare CA**

Board Members Present

Kevin Northcraft
Mike Jamaica
Senovia Gutierrez
District 1 – seat vacant
District 5 – seat vacant

District Counsel Present

Tim Thompson and Niki Cunningham, McCormick Barstow LLP
Riley Walter, Walter & Wilhelm Law Group

I. Call to order

Chairman Northcraft called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Citizen Requests/Public Comment

15 citizens spoke

III. Open Session Agenda

A. Acceptance of Resignation of District 1 Director, Richard Torrez

Motion to accept Director Richard Torrez' resignation was made by Senovia Gutierrez and seconded by Mike Jamaica

Vote 3 Yes/0 No

Chairman Northcraft announced applications for the District 1 Director's position will be accepted for 30 days. Applicants may apply at TLHCD1vacancy@gmail.com

B. Discussion regarding the financial condition of the District

C. Discussion regarding options to respond to financial crisis

1. Closure of Hospital

No one spoke in favor of closing the hospital

2. Loans for Operational and other costs

No loan information was provided to the Board for consideration

Presentation of requests for financial and loan information between McCormick Barstow and HCCA/Dr. Benzeevi's legal counsel was made by Attorney Tim Thompson

3. Chapter 9 Bankruptcy

Presentation of Chapter 9 Bankruptcy was made by Attorney Riley Walter

4. Discussion regarding request for financial records and information by Attorney Niki Cunningham

D. Hearing regarding Fiscal Emergency

No public speakers

Senovia Gutierrez moved that a Declaration of Fiscal Emergency be declared. Motion was seconded by Mike Jamaica

Vote 3 Yes/0 No

IV. Closed Session

A. Conference with Interim Legal Counsel

1. Initiation of Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)

V. Adjourn Closed Session/Reconvene Open Session

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957.1, the following reportable actions were taken by the Board in Closed session:

Item 1: The Board took action to authorize the filing of a Chapter 9 bankruptcy. The Motion was made by Senovia Gutierrez, Mike Jamaica seconded the motion. The Motion passed 3-0.

**Board voted 3 Yes/0 No to file Chapter 9 Bankruptcy
Board voted 3 Yes/0 No to hire Walter Wilhem Law Firm
to file the Chapter 9 Bankruptcy**

Item 1: The Board took further action to authorize the hiring of the Walter Wilhelm Law Firm to file the Chapter 9 bankruptcy. The Motion was made by Senovia Gutierrez, Mike Jamaica seconded the motion. The Motion passed 3-0.

No further action was taken.

VI. Adjournment