

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board Chair.

PRESENT Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Chair
Melissa Best-Baker, Vice Chair
Jean Turner, Secretary
Ted Gardner, Treasurer
Jody Veenker, Member-at-Large
Stephen DelRossi, MSA, Interim Chief Executive Officer / Chief Financial Officer
Allison Partridge RN, MSN, Chief Nursing Officer / Chief Operations Officer
Stefan Schunk, MD, Chief Medical Officer

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Chair Kilpatrick reported that at this time, members of the audience may speak on any items not on the agenda on any matter within the jurisdiction of the District Board. Public comments shall be received at the beginning of the meeting and are limited to three minutes per speaker, with a total time limit of thirty minutes for all public comment unless otherwise modified by the Chair. The general Public Comment portion of the meeting allows the public to address any item within the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors on matters not appearing on the agenda. Public comments on agenda items should be made at the time each item is considered. No comments were heard from the public.

NEW BUSINESS
AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS Chair Kilpatrick called attention to Ad Hoc Committee reports.

Jean Turner reported the Governance Committee is working on policy review and will start bringing policies to the Board for approval next month.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT Chair Kilpatrick introduced the Chief Executive Officer Report. Interim CEO Stephen DelRossi provided updates on the following items:

- Anesthesia/Drager Machine: The anesthesia machines were not operating properly. The OR was down for a week, with a contingency plan in place for emergency surgeries, while loaner machines were investigated and acquired. Staff is currently evaluating machines to purchase. The most likely choice will be Perseus machines (3) from Drager on a lease to own basis.
- Legislation: Two State Senate Bills that will have an impact on the hospital are SB 525 and SB 1334. SB 525 would raise minimum wage to \$21.00/hour starting in June 2024. SB 1334 requires public employers to offer breaks as outlined in the bill. Failure to offer breaks will result in penalties.

- Labor: Staff is looking at various staffing models for anesthesia.
- Accountable Care Organization (ACO): Staff is researching ACOs. When an ACO succeeds in delivering high-quality care and spending health care dollars more wisely, it shares the savings it achieves for the Medicare program.

CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER REPORT

Chair Kilpatrick introduced the Chief Financial Officer report.

FINANCIAL &
STATISTICAL REPORTS

CFO DelRossi reviewed the financial and statistical reports. Discussion ensued regarding inflation and increased operating costs. Stephen DelRossi reported the first quarter of 2023 saw the highest number of bond defaults in over a decade with rural hospitals being the most affected.

It was motioned by Jody Veenker to approve the financial and statistical reports, seconded by Melissa Best-Baker and the motion passed 5-0.

RSM UPDATE

Chair Kilpatrick called attention to RSM Update. Stephen DelRossi introduced Colin Biggs who reported RSM is entering the final month of engagement. They are transitioning knowledge and leadership to NIH staff.

TAG UPDATE

CFO DelRossi reported TAG has moved to a bi-weekly meeting process to allow more time to work on problems and implement actions. They are working to understand what the district looks like with new plans implemented, then they will start to look for more opportunities.

PMA BUILDING UPDATE/
THERAPY REHAB

Chair Kilpatrick called attention to the PMA Building update. Stephen DelRossi provided an update on the timeline for Internal Medicine to move to RHC and the Surgery Clinic to move into the PMA building. He reviewed the construction required to prepare the PMA building.

Jean Turner motioned to approve up to \$280,000 to support the build out of the PMA building, Ted Gardner seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT

Chair Kilpatrick introduced Dr. Bourne who provided the Chief of Staff report.

POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES

Dr. Bourne provided an overview of the policies and procedures for approval.

- Emergency Management Plan*
- Medical Staff Department Policy - Pediatrics*
- Plan for the Provision of Nursing Care*
- Trophon® Environmental Probe Repressor (EPR)*

Jody Veenker motioned to approve the policies as written, Melissa Best-Baker seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

MEDICAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Bourne provided a report of the Medical Executive Committee meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Kilpatrick called attention to the consent agenda which contained the following items.

1. *Approval of minutes of the May 17, 2023 Regular Board Meeting*
2. *Approval of Policies and Procedures – Biennial Review*

Melissa Best-Baker motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, Jody Veenker seconded, and the motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS FROM BOARD
MEMBERS

Chair Kilpatrick opened up reports to Board Members.

Jean Turner reported on the upcoming ACHD annual conference on September 13-14.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Chair Kilpatrick announced at this time, persons in the audience may speak only on items listed on the Closed Session portion of this meeting. She announced there is one case on item b. There were no public comments.

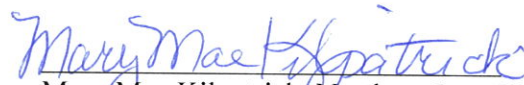
ADJOURNMENT TO
CLOSED SESSION

At 7:02, Chair Kilpatrick announced the meeting would adjourn to Closed Session to allow the District Board of Directors to:


- a. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation.
Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).
Name of case: Tillemans v. NIHD*
- b. *Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation.
Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). Number of Cases (1)*

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kilpatrick announced there would be no reportable action.
Adjournment at 7:16 p.m.


Mary Mae Kilpatrick, Northern Inyo Healthcare
District, Chair

Attest:


Jean Turner, Northern Inyo Healthcare District,
Secretary