



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 14, 2015 @ 7:00 pm**  
Marin General Hospital, Conference Center

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Simmonds called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**2. Roll Call**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Harris Simmonds, MD; Vice Chair Ann Sparkman; Secretary Jennifer Rienks; Director Larry Bedard, MD; Director Jennifer Hershon

ALSO PRESENT: Lee Domanico, Chief Executive Officer; Colin Coffey, District Counsel; Louis Weiner, Executive Assistant to the Boards; James McManus, Chief Financial Officer; Jon Friedenbergl, Chief Administrative Officer

**3. Closed Session**

Chair Simmonds announced the necessity of adjourning to Closed Session immediately, deferring to Counsel Coffey for explanation: This morning a legal issue arose that required immediate attention by the Board, concerning potential litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2). This short-notice request for a Closed Session is compliant with the Brown Act's provision for "urgent matters" and requires a 4/5 vote of the Board for approval to adjourn to the Closed Session. There was no public comment. Vice Chair Sparkman moved to approve adjournment to Closed Session immediately. Secretary Rienks seconded. Vote: all ayes, unanimous.

Chair Simmonds asked the public to exit for the Closed Session, to be invited back when the Regular Meeting reconvenes. He adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:03 pm.

**4. Reconvening of Regular Session**

Chair Simmonds invited the public to re-join, and called the Regular Meeting back to order at 7:21 pm.

**5. General Public Comment**

There was no public comment.



**6. Approval of Agenda**

Secretary Rienks moved to approve the agenda as presented. Director Bedard seconded. Vote: all ayes.

**7. Approval of Consent Agenda**

To approve the minutes of the Special Study Session of June 9, 2015, the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2015, and the Minutes of the Special Study Session of June 10, 2015, Vice Chair Sparkman moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Director Hershon seconded. Vote: all ayes.

**8. MHD Resolution 2015-04**

Counsel Coffey presented the Resolution requesting the Marin County Board of Supervisors to levy, enroll, collect and distribute property taxes authorized by public vote in November 2013 to support the debt service on the Marin Healthcare District's General Obligation Bonds that will begin issuance in November 2015. To be timed within the current tax year, the County needs this request submitted to them now, in mid-July.

There was no further comment from the Board. Secretary Rienks moved to approve MHD Resolution 2015-04. Vice Chair Sparkman seconded. There was no public comment. Vote: all ayes.

**9. MHD Bond Oversight Committee**

CEO Domanico reported that the passage of the Bond measure requires the formation of a District Bond Oversight Committee "to inform the public about the expenditure of Measure F bond funds and to ensure that proceeds are expended for the purpose described in Measure F." The proposed Charter (packet Tab #5) describes the Committee's background, purpose, duties, and operations.

The Committee will comprise 7 members the District community at large and will not include members of the Board of Directors. Members will serve a term of 4 years, meetings will most likely be quarterly, reports will be presented to the Board, and proceedings will be made public on the District's web site.

Chair Simmonds recommended the nominees be processed through the MHD members of the MHD-MGH Joint Nominating Committee (Chair Simmonds, Director Bedard) including application/conflict of interest forms to submit, and then brought to the full Board for action. James McManus, CFO, stated that the Committee should be seated by late October/early November, before or at the time the bonds are to be issued. He has already fielded 10 candidate nominations which he deems are qualified and will forward them to Chair Simmonds who will decide, with Director Bedard, whom to include for interview by the Board. Discussion ensued regarding methods of recruiting other qualified candidates.

Director Bedard moved to approve the MHD Bond Oversight Committee Charter. Vice Chair Sparkman seconded. There was no public comment. Vote: all ayes.



## **10. Committee Meeting Reports**

### **a. MHD Finance and Audit Committee**

The Committee did not meet in June, and there is no report.

### **b. MHD Lease and Building Committee**

Vice Chair Sparkman reported that the Committee met on June 22. West Marin Senior Services (WMSS) had submitted a Community Health Grant Application to the District, and three representatives of WMSS were interviewed at this meeting. The Committee requested more information and a revised budget supporting the application which, when received, will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Committee.

## **11. Reports**

### **a. District CEO's Report**

CEO Domanico reported that MGH 2.0 construction continues to be on schedule and on budget.

He suggested an idea for a community program that the District might help fund, a volunteer program of first responders within their communities. He cited a successful program working in Israel, "United Hatzalah" ([israelrescue.org](http://israelrescue.org)) that could be used as a model. Public could be offered training in first response to time-critical events such as trauma, disaster, heart attack, dementia, etc. Other communities in the U.S. have varying degrees of first responder programs. The District may want to consider funding the establishing and training for such a volunteer program in the community and in the schools.

Public comment: Kerry Mazzoni.

### **b. Hospital CEO's Report**

CEO Domanico reported that volume continued strong through June with solid operating performance. Two new linear accelerators are being installed in the Cancer Center. All nurses are being trained on central line and catheter infection prevention updates.

He has met with labor leaders to solve issues in the Sterile Processing Dept. The agreement with Radiology Associates is nearly complete. Three collective bargaining agreements will be settled soon; California Nurses Association is still in process. Nurses will stage informational picketing near the hospital on July 22.

The annual MGH Foundation Golf Tournament is Sept. 28, themed "A Taste of Italy."

### **c. Chair's Report**

Chair Simmonds reported on the Special Study Session meeting on June 10 to revise "Policies and Procedures for MHD Board Meetings." Counsel Coffey will present revisions at the next meeting of the Lease & Building Committee, and when revisions are agreed upon would be recommended to the full Board for action.



Bylaws are to be amended to reflect a change in the calendar of when Board officers and committee members will be named. Counsel Coffey will submit the draft change of the Bylaws for approval.

**d. Board Members' Reports**

Director Hershon inquired as to MGH's relationships with public agencies providing patient support services and law enforcement. Jon Friedenberg, CAO, remarked that MGH provides medical directorship to EMS agencies and fire departments, is a key participant in the County disaster planning process, and works with the Sheriff's Dept. and with San Quentin; work with CHP and local police departments is as needed.

Director Bedard reported that he successfully completed the required biennial Public Service Ethics Education and encouraged the other Board members to do the same. AB 258, the Medical Cannabis Organ Transplant Act, was recently signed into law by Governor Brown.

Vice Chair Sparkman reported on her recent attendance at a conference of the American Health Lawyers Association.

Secretary Rienks met with a community member regarding the formation of "Ouchless ER" for children and is pursuing it further. She attended the annual Marin Community Clinics fundraising event. She suggested the MHD Board look into designating MHD as a Certified Healthcare District with the Association of California Healthcare Districts.

**12. Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

Chair Simmonds adjourned the meeting at 8:14 pm.