

ACTION MINUTES
EAST KERN HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5:30 p.m. Tuesday May 5th , 2026, (Hybrid and Zoom)

*MISSION STATEMENT: "Building health,
well -being, and resiliency*

Video Time Code	ITEM AS AGENDIZED	BOARD ACTION Motions are identified in bold as First: Second
5:32	1. Open Meeting	Shauna Royten
5:33	A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/INVOCATION	Lois Peralta
5:35	B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL	Present: Peralta.L, Rojas.J, Royten. S, Macedonio.K Director Patrick, L. attended as an online bystander 6:05 pm
5:40	C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	MOTION: Rojas. J, Royten. S Motion Carried with amendment to move pages 31-32 from Staff report to Agenda Item IV (d). 4-0

5:40	II. MEET AND GREET WITH ANGEL FLIGHT WEST	Russel Stern's presentation of services offered and client eligibility for Angel Flight West
5:58	III. TERISA NELSON PRESENTATION "WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS"	Teresa Nelson presented information on Alzheimer's walk, fundraising, and desire for support from East Kern Health Care District
6:08	IV. NEW BUSINESS a. Vendor Payments (INFORMATION ONLY) b. Turning West Resources c. Best Practices (Minute) Training Webinar	a. Macedonio. K requested that name and reason be swapped for mileage reimbursement lines on the vendor report and that the Pacific Engineering Group needs to have a board approved plan and potentially a special meeting before payment. b. Turning West training library will be brought back for the next budget meeting and the District Manage to compare other trainings c.Approval for Best Practices (Minute) Training Webinar MOTION: Rojas. J, Macedonio. K, d.Approval to receive grant to replace water heaters from Southern California Renewable Energy Network MOTION: Rojas. J, Macedonio, K Motions carried 4-0
6:19	V. PUBLIC COMMENTS	No Public Comments
6:20	VI. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS	Rojas. J, announced publicly available training on debt at the Chamber of

		<p>Commerce to occur at 10:00am on 05/06/26, other training available on Chamber of Commerce website.</p> <p>Royten. S, announced Farmers Market Opening up for the season beginning 05/09/26 and ending 09/01/26 at the Aspen Mall, Ridgecrest Farmers Market also opening in the Tractor Supply parking lot</p> <p>Royten. S discussed the food policy council and the extra support that will be needed as many in our community lose SNAP benefits due to new eligibility requirements.</p> <p>Macedonio, K</p>
<p>6:23</p>	<p>VII. STAFF REPORT</p> <p>I. SDRMA Insurance Bond for Cancer Walk</p> <p>II. Director Compensation</p> <p>III. Volunteer Compensation for standing Committees</p> <p>IV. Ad-HOCS (Newsletter) –</p> <p>V. Tortoise Days</p> <p>VI. CAGE</p> <p>VII. Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce or other commerce’s</p> <p>VIII. Cancer Fund, public participation</p> <p>IX. Building Updates/ Needed Maintenance Items</p> <p>X. Extra Phones</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Directives from Board of Directors of East Kern Health Care District <u>Rubi: Bring back documentation and full plan for Pacific Engineer Group ADA compliance work to the next agenda for board approval</u> ● <u>Rubi: Bring back information on additional training options (including leadership, strategic planning, grant writing) for board consideration</u>

		<p><u>before finalizing the annual budget</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Rubi: Bring back information about insurance options (including special event insurance and workman's comp for volunteers) to the board for review</u>• <u>Rubi: Meet with Eva and the treasurer to review and clarify budget details, including workman's comp with new payroll, and present findings to the board</u>• <u>Rubi: Research and provide written clarification about when individual directors can send letters of support versus when board approval is needed</u>• <u>Rubi: Add regular facilities/maintenance update report to staff report section for monthly board review</u>• <u>Rubi: Reach out to Regional Government Services (or similar insurance consultant) for guidance on insurance coverage for</u>
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		<p><u>interior building upgrades</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Rubi: Revisit with Kayla (or Donnie Vasquez as alternative) about creating a 1-2 minute video about the district for \$50</u>• <u>Rubi: Add mission and vision review as an agenda item for the next meeting to begin strategic planning process</u>• <u>Rubi: Schedule joint meeting with Ridgecrest Regional Hospital to discuss how to add/improve physical and mental health services</u>• <u>Rubi: Add update on Kern County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to next agenda</u>• <u>Rubi: Schedule final budget discussion and adoption of 2026-27 budget before July 1</u>• <u>Rubi: Coordinate with Lester (Red Cross contact) to schedule presentation about emergency plans/disaster resources</u>
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- Rubi: Bring back CERT training information and coordinate with senior centers about using their space for training
- Rubi: Review and summarize all senior center related payments and bring back to next meeting
- Rubi: Research and propose team building activity options for board and staff
- Rubi: Research possibility of creating an unpaid internship program for local youth
- Rubi: Look into the backdrop for special events.
- Rubi: Reassign Kayla's phone to the maintenance person
- Rubi: Check with Alex about insurance consultant recommendations
- Rubi: Bring back information about legal requirements for volunteer insurance coverage
- Rubi: Bring back information about mileage reimbursement

		<p><u>policy for volunteers</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Rubi: Bring back updated information about Ridgecrest Chamber membership for vote</u>• <u>Rubi: Bring back information about marketing presence improvements (LinkedIn, Facebook, other social media) for board discussion</u>• <u>Rubi: Bring back information about status of QuickBooks access and remaining questions</u>• <u>Rubi: Bring back information about status of \$700,000 account review</u>• <u>Rubi: Bring back information about required insurance for cancer fund events</u>• <u>Rubi: Bring back information about status of ADA compliance plans and city walkthrough</u>
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6:51	VIII. CONSENT CALENDER A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES 1. Special Meeting: March 31st, 2026 2. Regular Meeting Minutes April 21st, 2026	MOTION: Macedonio. K, Peralta. L Motion carried 4-0
6:55	XI. CLOSE MEETING	
6:55	A. PRESIDENT COMMENTS	None
6:55	B. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS-AB 1234	Macedonio. K attended several meetings and will be bringing back a directors report next meeting. Rojas. J discussed increasing social media presence and possibility of hiring videographer with a budget of \$50.00 Royten. S discussed the Senior Walking club at the Strata has restarted and is open to the public 5 days a week. Royten. S also mentioned attending the Women's empowerment Brunch with Director Macedonio,K.

6:55	C. DIRECTOR’S REPORTS	Reports covered in Director’s comments
7:03	D. FUTURE AGENDA 1.. Financials and Budget with Eva Hebebrand 2. Good Samaritan 3. Administrative Code Review	Request to have a special meeting if needed for contract or building proposal updates. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mission and Vision alignment with Strategic Plan 2. Ridgecrest Regional Hospital , how to add or improve physical and mental health services 3. Updates for the board on MJHMP 4. 4.Rubi covering Strategic Plan 5. Red Cross with Lester 6. CERT Certificates 7. Team building ideas
7:13	E. ADJOURNMENT	