



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
PETALUMA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Elece Hempel called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM in the Suite 103 conference room at 1425 N. McDowell Blvd.

**PRESENT**

Elece Hempel  
Fran Adams, RN, BSN  
Joseph Stern  
Josephine S. Thornton, M.A.

**ABSENT**

Jeffrey Tobias, MD

**ALSO PRESENT**

Ramona Faith, CEO, PHCD  
James Goerlich, RN, Petaluma Staff Nurse Partnership  
Andrew Koblick, Controller, PHCD  
Ruth Wells, Board Clerk, PHCD  
Donald Bouey, Bouey & Black, LLP  
Douglas Straus, Buchalter

**CALL FOR CONFLICT**

President Hempel called for conflict. There was none.

**MISSION AND VISION**

Director Stern read the mission and vision of the Petaluma Health Care District.

*The mission of the Petaluma Health Care District is to improve the health and well-being of our community through leadership, advocacy, support, partnerships and education.*

*Petaluma Health Care District envisions: A healthier community; a thriving hospital; local access to comprehensive health and wellness services for all.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A motion made by Director Adams and seconded by Director Thornton to approve the September 4, 2018 Agenda was PASSED by unanimous consent (Directors: Adams, Hempel, Stern and Thornton).**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Goerlich provided a report on labor negotiations between Petaluma Staff Nurse Partnership (PSNP) and St. Joseph Health (SJH). Following the most recent negotiations meeting, PSNP leaders met recently with SJH President (Sonoma County) Todd Salnas and SJH's head of HR, Jamie Walsh. Mr. Salnas confirmed that SJH is the negotiating party in the labor negotiation (rather than NewCo). When shown copies of the SJH negotiator's written proposals, Mr. Salnas was surprised by the form and content of documents and assured the union that Ms. Walsh would attend all future negotiation meetings to ensure their position is accurately represented.

The nurses are seeking assurances from SJH that they (as the NewCo) want to be the new hospital operator, and will ask that this be demonstrated in how they treat their workers. They also plan to raise public awareness about the public's role in approving the new lease agreement.

The next negotiating meeting is set for Sept. 7.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Director Thornton reported that she raised the issue of the adversarial nature of the negotiating meetings to date at the Aug. 28 meeting of the SRM Alliance board.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no comments.

#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**Director Hempel adjourned the meeting into closed session at 7:38 AM, pursuant to:**

- **Government Code §54956.8 closed session; real property transaction; meeting with negotiator – 400 North McDowell Blvd.**

Director Stern left the meeting at 9:02 am.

#### **ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION**

President Hempel adjourned the meeting into open session at 9:08 AM and reported that no action was taken in closed session.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 18, at 12:00 PM.

**PLUS / DELTA**

No new business was proposed.

**ADJOURN**

President Hempel adjourned the meeting at 9:09 AM.

Submitted by Fran Adams, Secretary  
Recorded by Ruth Wells, Board Clerk