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**Meeting Location**

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion  
2609 East Roosevelt Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85008  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room

**RESULTS – General and Executive Session Meeting**

**Maricopa County Special Health Care District  
Board of Directors**

**Mission Statement**

The Valleywise Health's mission is to provide exceptional care, without exception, every patient, every time.

**Welcome**

The Board of Directors is the governing body for the Maricopa County Special Health Care District. Each member represents one of the five districts in Maricopa County. Members of the Board are public officials, elected by the voters of Maricopa County. The Board of Directors sets policy and the President & Chief Executive Officer, who is hired by the Board, directs staff to carry out the policies.

**How Citizens Can Participate**

Each meeting is open to the public and there is a "Call to the Public" at the beginning of each meeting. An individual may address the Board of Directors at this time or when the agenda item to be addressed is reached. If you wish to address the Board, please complete a Request to Speak form and deliver it to the Clerk of the Board prior to the Call to the Public. If you have anything that you wish distributed to the Board and included in the official record, please hand it to the Clerk who will distribute the information to the Board members and Valleywise Health Senior Staff.

Speakers will be called in the order in which requests to speak are received. Your name will be called when the Call to the Public has been opened or when the Board reaches the agenda item which you wish to speak. As mandated by the Arizona Open Meeting Law, officials may not discuss items not on the agenda, but may direct staff to follow-up with the citizen.

**Public Rules of Conduct**

The Board Chair shall keep control of the meeting and require the speakers and audience to refrain from abusive or profane remarks, disruptive outbursts, applause, protests, or other conduct which disrupts or interferes with the orderly conduct of the business of the meeting. Personal attacks on Board members, staff, or members of the public are not allowed. It is inappropriate to utilize the Call to the Public or other agenda item for purposes of making political speeches, including threats of political action. Engaging in such conduct and failing to cease such conduct upon request of the Board Chair will be grounds for ending a speaker's time at the podium or for removal of any disruptive person from the meeting room, at the direction of the Board Chair.

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• Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion •  
• 2609 East Roosevelt Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85008 •  
• 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room •

Monday, January 26, 2026  
1:00 p.m.

Access to the meeting room will start at 12:50 p.m., 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

One or more members of the Board of Directors of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District may be in attendance by technological means. Board members attending by technological means will be announced at the meeting.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), or any applicable and relevant state or federal law, the Board may vote to recess into an Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney or attorneys on any matter listed on the agenda. The Board also may wish to discuss any items listed for Executive Session discussion in General Session, or the Board may wish to take action in General Session on any items listed for discussion in Executive Session. To do so, the Board will recess Executive Session on any particular item and reconvene General Session to discuss that item or to take action on such item.

**Please silence any cell phone, computer, etc., to minimize disruption of the meeting.**

### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Call to the Public**

*This is the time for the public to comment. The Board of Directors may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(l), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling a matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.*

## **ITEMS MAY BE DISCUSSED IN A DIFFERENT SEQUENCE**

### **General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action:**

1. Discuss, Review and **Approve** Revisions to Valleywise Health's Code of Conduct and Ethics; and **Rescind** Board Policy Statement 99304 G – Code of Conduct and Ethics **15 min**  
*Steven Ortquist, JD, CHC-F, Interim Chief Compliance Officer*  
*Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board*

**DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO VALLEYWISE HEALTH'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO RESCIND BOARD POLICY STATEMENT 99304 G – CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

2. Board Compliance Training **30 min**  
*Steven Ortquist, JD, CHC-F, Interim Chief Compliance Officer*

**THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED**

**DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO RECESS GENERAL SESSION AND CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**

**Executive Session:**

E-1 Legal Advice; Records Exempt by Law from Public Inspection; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)<sup>1</sup>: Baker Tilly Care Reimagined Final Expenditure Validation 30 min

<sup>1</sup> Exemptions based upon A.R.S. § 48-5541.01(M)(4) (c) and (d) including records or other matters, the disclosure of which would cause demonstrable and material harm and would place the district at a competitive disadvantage in the marketplace; or violate any exception, privilege or confidentiality granted or imposed by statute or common law.

E-2 Legal Advice; Contracts Subject to Negotiations; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4): Master Services Agreement and Lease Agreement between the Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, and District Medical Group 60 min

E-3 Legal Advice; Records Exempt by Law from Public Inspection; Contracts Subject to Negotiations; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)<sup>1</sup> and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4): Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, Prop 409 strategy and timing options going forward 30 min

<sup>1</sup> Exemptions based upon A.R.S. § 48-5541.01(M)(4) (c) including records or other matters, the disclosure of which would cause demonstrable and material harm and would place the district at a competitive disadvantage in the marketplace.

E-4 Legal Advice; Contracts Subject to Negotiations; A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4): Discussion or consultation for legal advice with the attorney of the public body; legal advice on Board of Directors Bylaws Article V. Section 2. 30 mins

**Recess Executive Session and Reconvene in General Session**

**General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action:**

**Adjourn**

**DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 26, 2026 MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL AND EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.**