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Meeting Location

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

RESULTS – General 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 Speaker's Slip 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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• 2609 East Roosevelt Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85008 •
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Wednesday, January 28, 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

Pledge of Allegiance

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(I), 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. **Approval of Consent Agenda: 5 min**
Note: Approval of contracts, minutes, IGA's, proclamations, etc. Any matter on the Consent Agenda will be removed from the Consent Agenda and discussed as a regular agenda item upon the request of any Board member.
 - a. **Minutes:**
 - i. **Approve** Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors meeting minutes dated November 25, 2025
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
 - b. **Contracts:**
 - i. **Approve** new agreement (MCO-25-013-MSA) between Aetna Network Services and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive dental services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

b. Contracts, cont.:

- ii. **Approve** a new hospital services agreement (MCO-26-001-MSA) between Verda Health Plan of Arizona, Inc. and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive health services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- iii. **Approve** a new intergovernmental agreement (IGA)(90-26-144-1) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, to provide matching funds in support of the Targeted Investment 2.0 Program (TIP)
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
- iv. **Approve** a new professional services agreement (MCO-26-002-MSA) between Verda Health Plan of Arizona, Inc. and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the provision of comprehensive health services
Renee Clarke, MBA, Senior Vice President, Managed Care
- v. **Approve** amendment #4 to the agreement (90-24-212-1-04) between Xanitos, Inc. and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health to add FTEs and decrease discharge cleaning
Jori Davis, MBA, Vice President, Support Services
- vi. **Approve** 2026 Amended and Restated Master Services Agreement (90-26-172) for professional medical, administrative, clinical and teaching services between the Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, and District Medical Group
Claire Agnew, CPA, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Michael D. White, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer

c. Governance:

- i. **Approve** affidavits appointing De Bora Murphy, MD, and Katsuko Cleymaet, DO, as Deputy Medical Directors in the Department of Psychiatry
Michael D. White, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Clinical Officer
- ii. **Approve** a no objection letter to the proposed property tax reclassification of personal property of Essai, Inc., a subsidiary of Advantest America, Inc., and proposed Foreign Trade Zone Usage Driven site
Warren Whitney, MBA, Senior Vice President, Government Relations
- iii. **Approve** proposed revisions to Valleywise Health's President and Chief Executive Officer's performance goals for Fiscal Year 2026
Steve A. Purves, FACHE, President & Chief Executive Officer
- iv. **Approve** registration fee, airfare, lodging, and meals & incidentals per diem not to exceed rates allowable under applicable District practices and policies for Chairman Korte to attend American Hospital Association's Annual Membership Meeting, April 19-21, 2026, in Washington, D.C. – [No Handout](#)
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

c. Governance, cont.:

- v. **Approve** the appointment of Ijana Harris as Valleywise Health's Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer, effective September 24, 2025 – **No Handout**
Steve A. Purves, FACHE, President & Chief Executive Officer
- vi. **Approve** Change in Scope of Service: reduce the weekly hours at Valleywise Community Health Center – South Central by one hour, Effective January 2026
Michelle Barker, DHSc, Senior Vice President Ambulatory Services; and Chief Executive Officer Federally Qualified Health Centers

d. Medical Staff:

- i. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Medical Staff credentials for December 2025 and January 2026
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- ii. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Advanced Practice Clinician/Allied Health Professional Staff credentials for December 2025 and January 2026
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- iii. **Approve** revisions to Department of Surgery - Audiologist Delineation of Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- iv. **Approve** Department of Internal Medicine - Registered Dietician Nutritionist Delineation of Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- v. **Approve** revisions to Department of Surgery – General Surgery Privileges
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- vi. **Approve** revisions to Department of Surgery – Thoracic Surgery Privileges
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- vii. **Approve** Department of Internal Medicine - Radiation Oncology Privileges
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- viii. **Approve** revisions to Advanced Practice Clinicians/Allied Health Professionals Policy #39011 T
Alexandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff

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DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 1.B.VI. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 1.B.VI., THE 2026 AMENDED AND RESTATED MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT (90-26-172) FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, CLINICAL AND TEACHING SERVICES BETWEEN THE MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT DBA VALLEYWISE HEALTH, AND DISTRICT MEDICAL GROUP, AS PRESENTED. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action, cont.:

2. Discuss, Review and **Approve** Home Assist Health's Amended and Restated Bylaws 10 min
Sara Wilson, President and Chief Executive Officer, Home Assist Health

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE HOME ASSIST HEALTH'S AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. Discuss General Obligation Bond Process 20 min
Grant Hamill, Managing Director, Stifel
Randie Stein, Managing Director, Stifel

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED.

4. Discussion and **Possible Action** on Valleywise Health's 2026 Legislative Agenda and/or the Maricopa County Special Health Care District's position regarding proposed State and Federal Legislative Items 10 min
Michael Fronske, Legislative and Governmental Affairs Director

DIRECTOR DEMOS MOVED TO AUTHORIZE STAFF TO SUPPORT AND OPPOSE BILLS AND AMENDMENTS WITH TIMELY FEEDBACK TO THE BOARD, WITH THE ADDITION TO SUPPORT FIRST THINGS FIRST LEGISLATION RELATED TO FUNDING; SENATE BILL 1113, SERVICE OF PROCESS, EVALUATION AGENCIES, WITH AMENDMENTS; HOUSE BILL 2194, CLAIMS, PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, DENIALS, CONTRACT; SENATE BILL 1253, SAFE HAVEN PROVIDERS, HOSPITALS, DELIVERIES; AND OPPOSE SENATE BILL 1016, EMPLOYERS, MEDICAL PRODUCTS, RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS; HOUSE BILL 2689, HOSPITALS, PATIENT IMMIGRATION STATUS, REPORTING, AND SENATE BILL 1051, HOSPITALS, PATIENT IMMIGRATION STATUS, REPORTING. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. Discuss, Review and **Approve** Revisions to Valleywise Health Foundation's Donor Recognition Guidelines 10 min
Lisa Hartsock, MPH, CFRE, Senior Vice President, Chief Executive Officer, Valleywise Health Foundation

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE REVISIONS TO VALLEYWISE HEALTH FOUNDATION'S DONOR RECOGNITION GUIDELINES. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

6. Discuss and Review Quality Transformation 10 min
Crystal Garcia, MBA/HCM, RN, Vice President, Specialty Services, Quality and Patient Safety

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED.

7. Closing Comments 5 min – No Handout
 - a. Chairman and Board Members
 - b. President and Chief Executive Officer Summary of Current Events

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED.

Adjourn

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 28, 2026 MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL SESSION MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.