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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

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 before the Call to the Public. If you have anything that you wish to be 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 •
• 3rd Floor, Board Room •

Wednesday, August 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

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

THE TIME ALLOCATIONS FOR EACH DISCUSSION ARE APPROXIMATE

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 June 24, 2026
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- ii. **Approve** Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors meeting minutes dated July 8, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- iii. **Approve** Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors meeting minutes dated July 8, 2026 – 12:00 noon
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

a. Minutes, cont.:

- iv. **Approve** Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors meeting minutes dated July 23, 2026
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board

b. Contracts:

- i. **Approve** amendment #5 to the agreement (90-24-212-1-05) between Xanitos Inc. and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for environmental services
Jori Davis, MBA, Vice President, Support Services
- ii. **Approve** an intergovernmental agreement (90-27-007-1) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the support of the Safety Net Services Initiative (SNSI) for the contract year ending September 30, 2027. Valleywise Health shall transfer public funds to AHCCCS in the amount of \$114,280,578.69 for the support of the SNSI
Frank Hemeon, MBA, Executive Vice President, Interim Chief Financial Officer
- iii. **Approve** an intergovernmental agreement (90-27-006-1) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the administration of the Safety Net Services Initiative (SNSI) for the contract year ending September 30, 2027. Valleywise Health shall transfer public funds to AHCCCS in the amount of \$4,725,130.14 for the administration of the SNSI
Frank Hemeon, MBA, Executive Vice President, Interim Chief Financial Officer
- iv. **Approve** a new agreement (90-26-087-1-01) between Symetra Life Insurance Company and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for employee stop loss insurance for a policy renewal term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
Deb Sunman, SPHR, MSHR, Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer
- v. **Approve** a new agreement (90-27-018-1) between Circle the City and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the lease of Valleywise Health's mobile health vehicle
Warren Whitney, MBA, Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer
- vi. **Approve** amendment #2 to the agreement (90-24-211-1-02) between Thomas Cuisine and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for outsourcing of food nutrition and gift shop services
Jori Davis, MBA, Vice President, Support Services

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

b. Contracts, cont.:

- vii. **Approve** a new intergovernmental agreement (90-27-019-1) between Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) and Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, for the transfer of \$34,332,029.52 of public funds for use as the Non-Federal Share of the Medicaid payment due under this agreement for graduate medical education (GME) programs, for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, for the following GME programs; Abrazo Arrowhead (\$4,551,930.38); Abrazo Central (\$1,680,546.48); Abrazo West (\$2,443,669.32); Canyon Vista Medical Center (\$903,249.57); and Valleywise Health Medical Center (\$24,752,633.77), for a total benefit of \$97,168,412.95
Frank Hemeon, MBA, Executive Vice President, Interim Chief Financial Officer

c. Governance:

- i. **Approve** revisions to the following Board policy statements:
a. Policy 99001 G – Annual External Audit
b. Policy 99011 G – Revenue Contracts – Medical Services
c. Policy 99103 G – Cellular Phone Service Plan Stipend; proposing new title: Cellular Service Stipend
d. Policy 99104 G – Intergovernmental Agreements: Execution, Amendments and Termination
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- ii. **Approve** the Settlement Agreement and Release between Valleywise Health and UMR related to the pharmacy claims audit refund
Deb Sunman, SPHR, MSHR, Senior Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer
- iii. **Approve** affidavits appointing Cassandra Haworth, DO, Tyson Lambert, DO, and Brandon Valencia, MD, as Deputy Medical Directors in the Department of Psychiatry
Michael D. White, MD, MBA, President & Chief Executive Officer
- iv. **Approve** registration fee, mileage, lodging, and meals & incidental expenses per diem not to exceed rates allowable under applicable District practices and policies for Chairman Korte and Director Thomas to attend Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association's Annual Leadership Conference, October 21-23, 2026, in Tucson, Arizona – **No Handout**
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board
- v. **Approve** revisions to the Maricopa County Special Health Care District's Approval, Authorization and Responsibility Matrix
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board

d. Medical Staff:

- i. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Medical Staff credentials for July and August 2026
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- ii. **Approve** Valleywise Health's Advanced Practice Clinician/Allied Health Professional Staff credentials for July and August 2026
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff

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

1. Approval of Consent Agenda, cont.

d. Medical Staff, cont.:

- iii. **Approve** revisions to Audiologist Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- iv. **Approve** revisions to Nurse Practitioner Internal Medicine Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- v. **Approve** revisions to Nurse Practitioner Pediatrics Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- vi. **Approve** revisions to Nurse Practitioner Neurosurgery Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- vii. **Approve** Physician Assistant Neurosurgery Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- viii. **Approve** revisions to Clinical Psychologist Privileges and Practice Prerogatives
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- ix. **Approve** revisions to Department of Psychiatry Privileges
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff
- x. **Approve** revisions to Policy 31203 T – Focused Professional Practice Evaluation (FPPE) to Confirm Practitioner Competence
Alexzandra Hollingworth, MD, Chief of Staff

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DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

2. Presentation about the Creighton University Arizona Health Education Alliance **15 min**
Erica Brown, Executive Director, Creighton University Arizona Health Education Alliance

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

3. Compliance Program Update; Discuss, Review and **Approve** Compliance and Internal Audit Work Plans for Fiscal Year 2027 **25 min**
Tina Babenko, EdD, MJ, Chief Compliance Officer

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL AUDIT WORK PLANS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027. DIRECTOR BARR SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

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

4. Discuss, Review and **Approve** Valleywise Health's Annual Quality Improvement and Patient Safety Plan for Fiscal Year 2027; **Approve** Indicators on Which to Measure Quality for Fiscal Year 2027 15 min
Jan Botts, MHA, BSN, Interim Vice President, Quality and Safety

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE VALLEYWISE HEALTH'S ANNUAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

DIRECTOR THOMAS MOVED TO APPROVE INDICATORS ON WHICH TO MEASURE QUALITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. Discuss and Review the Quarterly Quality Report and Metrics Dashboard, including but not limited to Patient Safety and Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems Score 10 min
Jan Botts, MHA, BSN, Interim Vice President, Quality and Safety

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

6. Discuss and Review Valleywise Health's Preliminary June 2026 Fiscal Year End Financials and Statistical Information, July 2026 Financials and Statistical Information, and Annual Investment of Funds Report 15 min
Matthew Meier, MBA, FACHE, Vice President, Financial Services

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

7. Reports to the Board of Directors: 5 min
 - a. Quarterly Quality Management Council Meeting Minutes (May 2026)
Jan Botts, MHA, BSN, Interim Vice President, Quality and Safety

THIS ITEM WAS DISCUSSED

8. 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 AUGUST 26, 2026 MARICOPA COUNTY SPECIAL HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS GENERAL SESSION MEETING. VICE CHAIRMAN WILCOX SECONDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.