



# Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council

(Prepared in compliance with A.R.S. § 38-431.01, A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A))

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council, and to the general public, that the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council will hold a meeting open to the public.**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>
March 4, 2026	5:30 p.m.	General Session	Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion 2609 East Roosevelt Street Phoenix, Arizona 85008 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Auditoriums 1 and 2

Agendas are available within 24 hours of each meeting at Valleywise Community Health Centers and at Valleywise Comprehensive Health Centers, and on the internet at <https://valleywisehealth.org/about/governing-council/>.

**Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026**

*Executive Sessions are always preceded by an open, public meeting as per A.R.S. §38-431.03, and are held in compliance with one or more of the following statute(s):*

- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1) – Personnel matters*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(2) – Records exempt by law from public inspection*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) – Legal advice*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(4) – Litigation; contract negotiations; settlement discussions*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(5) – Personnel matters dealing with employee organizations*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(6) – International and interstate negotiations*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(7) – Purchase sale or lease of real property*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(8) – School safety operations or school safety plans or programs*
- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(9) – Security plans; procedures; relating security or safety of facilities; operations*

- c: Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council (12)
- Valleywise Community Health Centers (9)
- Valleywise Comprehensive Health Centers (2)

Denise Tapia, Deputy Clerk of the Board

February 26, 2026

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**Council Members**

Earl Arbuckle, Chair  
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**AGENDA**

**Valleywise Community Health Centers  
Governing Council**

**Mission Statement**

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

• Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion •  
• 2609 East Roosevelt Street • Phoenix, Arizona 85008 •  
• 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor • Auditoriums 1 and 2 •

Wednesday, March 4, 2026  
5:30 p.m.

Access to the meeting room will start at 5:20 p.m., 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

One or more members of the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council may be in attendance by technological means. Council members attending by technological means will be announced at the meeting.

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

5:30 **Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Call to the Public**

*This is the time for the public to comment. The Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council 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**

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

- 5:35 1. Approval of Consent Agenda: 5 min  
*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 voting Governing Council member.*
- a. Minutes:
    - i. **Approve** Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council meeting minutes dated February 4, 2026
  - b. Contracts:
    - i. Intentionally Left Blank
  - c. Governance:
    - i. **Approve** a Congratulatory Letter from the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council to the Valleywise Community Health Center-McDowell Staff
    - ii. **Approve** a Congratulatory Letter from the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council to the Valleywise Comprehensive Health Center-Phoenix Internal Medicine Clinic Staff
  - d. Medical Staff:
    - i. **Acknowledge** the Federally Qualified Health Centers Medical Staff and Advanced Practice Clinician/Allied Health Professional Staff Credentials

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**End of Consent Agenda**

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- 5:40 2. Mission Moment – A Patient Story 5 min - No Handout  
*Noah Altman, Program Coordinator Grants*
- 5:45 3. Federally Qualified Health Centers Compliance Program Update 15 min  
*Steven Ortquist, JD, CHC-F, Interim Chief Compliance Officer*  
*Tina Babenko, Chief Compliance Officer*
- 6:00 4. Annual Governing Council Compliance Training 30 min  
*Steven Ortquist, JD, CHC-F, Interim Chief Compliance Officer*
- 6:30 5. Discuss, Review and **Approve** revisions to Valleywise Health Policy 060503 S – HRSA Legislative Mandate Compliance Policy 5 min  
*Michelle Barker, DHSc, Chief Executive Officer, Federally Qualified Health Centers*
- 6:35 6. Discuss, Review and **Approve** Valleywise Health Policy 01768 S – HRSA Hyde Amendment Policy 10 min  
*Michelle Barker, DHSc, Chief Executive Officer, Federally Qualified Health Centers*
- 6:45 7. Discuss, Review and **Approve** the Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, Organizational Chart for the Federally Qualified Health Centers 5 min  
*Michelle Barker, DHSc, Chief Executive Officer, Federally Qualified Health Centers*

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

- 6:50 8. Discuss and Review Strategic Planning Projects from the Federally Qualified Health Centers Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2025-2027 **10 min**  
*Jason Vail Cruz, Senior Clinic Manager*
- 7:00 9. Federally Qualified Health Centers' Chief Executive Officer's Report, Including Ambulatory Operational Dashboards **10 min**  
*Michelle Barker, DHSc, Chief Executive Officer, Federally Qualified Health Centers*
- 7:10 10. Valleywise Health's President and Chief Executive Officer's Report **5 min - No Handout**  
*Steve A. Purves, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer, Valleywise Health*
- 7:15 11. Governing Council Member Closing Comments/Announcements **5 min - No Handout**  
*Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council*
- 7:20 **Adjourn**