

## Minutes

**Maricopa County Special Health Care District  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Valleywise Behavioral Health Center-Phoenix  
Education Pavilion, Fiji Room  
December 5, 2022  
1:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mary Rose Garrido Wilcox, Chairman, District 5  
J. Woodfin Thomas, Vice Chairman, District 4  
Mark G. Dewane, Director, District 2  
Kate Brophy McGee, Director, District 3

**Absent:** Mary A. Harden, RN, Director, District 1

**Others Present:** Steve Purves, FACHE, President & Chief Executive Officer

**Guest Presenters:** Honorable Jay Polk, Presiding Judge, Superior Court, Maricopa County

**Recorded by:** Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; Clerk of the Board  
Cynthia Cornejo, Deputy Clerk of the Board

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Wilcox called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Talbot called roll. Following roll call, she noted that four of the five voting members of the Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors were present, which represented a quorum.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Brophy McGee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Call to the Public**

Chairman Wilcox called for public comment. There were no comments.

### **Mission Statement**

Chairman Wilcox read the mission statement aloud.

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**Oath of Office Ceremony:**

1. Swearing In of the Board of Directors

District 3 – Kate Brophy McGee  
District 4 – J. Woodfin Thomas

Honorable Polk administered the oath of office to Ms. Brophy McGee and Mr. Thomas, who were appointed and took office effective December 5, 2022.

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

2. Election of Officers for the Board of Directors

Chairman Wilcox thanked staff for the support she received throughout her tenure as Chairman. She was proud of Valleywise Health and the impact it made on the community it served.

She announced the receipt of a grant from the Phoenix Industrial Development Authority and Phoenix Community Development & Investment Corporation, in the amount of \$124,810, to benefit Valleywise Health's Family Resource Centers.

**MOTION:** Chairman Wilcox moved to approve the appointment of J. Woodfin Thomas as Chair effective immediately through November 30, 2023. Director Dewane seconded.

**VOTE:** 4 Ayes: Chairman Wilcox, Vice Chairman Thomas, Director Brophy McGee, Director Dewane  
0 Nay  
1 Absent: Director Harden  
**Motion passed.**

Director Wilcox turned over the gavel to Chairman Thomas.

Chairman Thomas expressed his appreciation to Director Wilcox for her years of service as Chairman.

**MOTION:** Director Wilcox moved to approve the appointment of Mark Dewane as Vice Chair effective immediately through November 30, 2023. Director Brophy McGee seconded.

**VOTE:** 4 Ayes: Chairman Thomas, Director Brophy McGee, Director Dewane, Director Wilcox  
0 Nay  
1 Absent: Director Harden  
**Motion passed.**

Director Wilcox mentioned Mr. Purves contributed to article in the *Wall Street Journal* related to the unfair distribution of Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Purves stated the article highlighted Valleywise Health as one of the safety net hospitals that had not received funding due to a technicality in accounting. He noted that he continued to work with a variety of associations to develop a federal designation for safety net hospitals.

Vice Chairman Dewane thanked Director Wilcox for her leadership over the past two years in her role as Chairman. He thanked Chairman Thomas and welcomed Director Brophy McGee.

Director Brophy McGee said she met with various employees in preparation for her role and commented on their dedication to the organization and the community.

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Mr. Purves stated Director Wilcox represented the Board and Valleywise Health well during her time as Chairman. He was looking forward to working with Director Brophy McGee and Chairman Thomas in his new role.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Vice Chairman Dewane moved to adjourn the December 5, 2022 Maricopa County Special Health Care District Board of Directors Meeting. Director Wilcox seconded.

**VOTE:** 4 Ayes: Chairman Thomas, Vice Chairman Dewane, Director Brophy McGee, Director Wilcox  
0 Nays  
1 Absent: Director Harden  
**Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

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J. Woodfin Thomas, Chairman  
Maricopa County Special Health Care District  
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