

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**Executive Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes – September 27, 2021**  
 1055 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



**L.A. Care**  
 HEALTH PLAN

**Members**

Hector De La Torre, *Chairperson*  
 Al Ballesteros, *Vice Chairperson*  
 Robert H. Curry, *Treasurer*  
 Layla Gonzalez, *Secretary*  
 Stephanie Booth, MD  
 Hilda Perez

**Management/Staff**

John Baackes, *Chief Executive Officer*  
 Terry Brown, *Chief Human Resources Officer*  
 Linda Greenfeld, *Chief Product Officer*  
 Augustavia J. Haydel, Esq., *General Counsel*  
 Tom MacDougall, *Chief Information & Technology Officer*  
 Marie Montgomery, *Chief Financial Officer*  
 Francisco Oaxaca, *Chief of Communications & Community Relations*  
 Noah Paley, *Chief of Staff*  
 Acacia Reed, *Chief Operating Officer*  
 Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, *Chief Medical Officer*

**California Governor issued Executive Order No. N-25-20 and N-29-20, which among other provisions amend the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public can listen to this meeting via teleconference.**

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<p>Hector De La Torre, <i>Chairperson</i>, called to order the L.A. Care Executive Committee and the L.A. Care Joint Powers Authority Executive Committee meetings at 2:59 p.m. The meetings were held simultaneously. He welcomed everyone to the meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For those who provided public comment for this meeting by voice message or in writing, we are really glad that you provided input today. The Committee will hear your comments and we also have to finish the business on our Agenda today.</li> <li>• If you have access to the internet, the materials for today’s meeting are available at the lacare.org website. If you need information about how to locate the meeting materials, please let us know.</li> <li>• Information for public comment is on the Agenda available on the web site. Staff will read the comment from each person for up to three minutes.</li> <li>• The Chairperson will invite public comment before the Committee starts to discuss the item. If the comment is not on a specific agenda item, it will be read at the general Public Comment item 2 on today’s agenda.</li> </ul>	

**APPROVED**

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<b>APPROVE MEETING AGENDA</b>	The Agenda for today’s meeting was approved.  <i>(Board Member Perez joined the meeting.)</i>	<b>Approved unanimously by roll call. 5 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Curry, De La Torre and Gonzalez).</b>
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	There were no public comments.	
<b>APPROVE MEETING MINUTES</b>	The minutes of the August 23, 2021 meeting were approved as submitted.	<b>Approved unanimously by roll call. 6 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Curry, De La Torre, Gonzalez and Perez).</b>
<b>CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</b>	There was no report from the Chairperson.	
<b>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT</b>	There was no report from the Chief Executive Officer.	
<b>Government Affairs Update</b>	Cherie Compartore, <i>Senior Director, Government Affairs</i> , reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California’s Governor has signed about 20 bills into law this past week and has vetoed two bills. There are approximately 600 bills remaining for his action by October 10, 2021.</li> <li>• The Governor has not acted on any of the healthcare related bills, and he is likely to act on all of them as a package.</li> <li>• The Governor has signed AB 361 into law. This legislation extends the flexibilities of the Brown Act during a state of emergency declaration. These flexibilities are currently in place under the Executive Orders until September 30, 2021.</li> <li>• This will be a busy week for the federal congress. Under consideration in the U.S. Senate is a continuing resolution to fund the federal government past the end of the current fiscal year, which ends at midnight on September 30, 2021. If the continuing resolution is not passed, a shutdown will not affect payment of Medicaid, Medicare or Social Security benefits. A shutdown could affect processing of new applications for Medicare and Social Security benefits. Many non-essential government workers</li> </ul>	

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	<p>could be furloughed and offices closed. There is language in the continuing resolution that could raise the debt ceiling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A second bill under consideration by the U.S. Congress is the proposed Infrastructure bill, with \$1 trillion in spending. This bill has already passed the U.S. Senate but has not been passed by the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House has indicated this bill will be brought to a vote on October 1, although some Democratic Congress members have signaled they will not vote for this bill without including a social spending bill.</li> <li>• The social spending bill includes \$3.5 trillion for programs such as paid family leave, universal pre-kindergarten and Medicaid expansion in some states. The costs will be paid by increasing taxes for corporations and families with income over \$400,000. It is likely this bill will be pared down in order to get enough votes from House members. Democrats are trying to move this through reconciliation. Some Democrats are objecting to the total cost of the bill.</li> </ul>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENTS</b>	There were no public comments for the closed session items.	
<b>ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION</b>	<p>The Joint Powers Authority Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m. Augustavia J. Haydel, Esq., <i>General Counsel</i>, announced the items to be discussed in closed session. She announced there is no report anticipated from the closed session. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:09 p.m.</p> <p><b>CONTRACT RATES</b> Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(m)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan Partner Rates</li> <li>• Provider Rates</li> <li>• DHCS Rates</li> </ul> <p><b>REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET</b> Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(n) Discussion Concerning New Service, Program, Business Plan Estimated date of public disclosure: <i>September 2023</i></p> <p><i>The following item was not discussed.</i></p> <p><b>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION</b> Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of Ralph M. Brown Act <i>Long Beach Memorial Medical Center et al v. L.A. Care Health Plan - AAA Case No. 012000002356</i> <i>Prime Healthcare Services- Aharado LLC et al. v. Local Initiative Health Authority for Los Angeles County –</i></p>	

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	Case No. 21STC1751 <i>Prime Healthcare Services – Alvarado LLC et al. v. Local Initiative Health Authority for Los Angeles County</i> – JAMS No. No. 1220069752	
<b>RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION</b>	The meeting reconvened in open session at 3:17 p.m. No reportable actions were taken during the closed session.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:

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Malou Balones, *Board Specialist III, Board Services*

Victor Rodriguez, *Board Specialist II, Board Services*

APPROVED BY:

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*Hector De La Torre*

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Hector De La Torre, *Chair*

Date: 10/25/2021 | 9:48 AM PDT