

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

August 20, 2024

Wrightwood Community Building

6000 Cedar St.

Wrightwood, CA

MINUTES

Board Members:

Sadie Albers, President
Kristy Gerardo , Vice President
Natalie Lopiccolo, Member
Chuck Franklin, Member
Alexis Claiborne, Member

Staff Present:

Steven Kennedy, Attorney
Tamara Keen – General Manager
Angela Rovida – Administrative Assistant

Call to Order: President Albers called the Meeting to order at 5:52 pm

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Steve Rinek led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Roll Call:** Vice President Gerardo and Director Franklin are absent. Counsel Kennedy is present via cell phone.
3. **Agenda Approval:** Director Lopiccolo motioned to approve the agenda with Director Claiborne seconding the motion. All in favor, motion passes.
4. **Public Comment:** No comments given.
5. **Director Franklin Resignation:** Director Lopiccolo motioned to accept Director Franklin's resignation with Director Claiborne seconding the motion. All in favor, motion passes.
6. **Process to Fill Board Vacancy:** The Board has 60 days from the date of Director Franklin's resignation letter (August 14th) to make an appointment to the vacant seat. To make an appointment staff must notify LA County and SB County registrar's offices, on or before August 29th, that a vacancy exists. Additionally, the WCSD must post notice of the vacancy in three conspicuous places within the District for a period of 15 days before the Board can make an appointment. If the Board does not choose to make an appointment the Board can call for an election. Because the vacancy has occurred within 130 days of the next District election, the Board cannot call for a special election in this November's election. The Board could call for a special election outside of the November election which would incur an extraordinary cost because the entire cost from the registrar's office would need to be covered by the WCSD. If the Board does not take any action within 60 days, the SB County Board of Supervisors will make the appointment. Staff was directed to create a public

notice for the Board seat vacancy. The Special Board Meeting to hear from candidates will be held on Thursday September 12th at 6:30pm.

7. **Director's Comments:** Director Claiborne said it was a pleasure and honor to work with Director Franklin. Director Lopiccolo reiterated her gratitude for Director Franklin and recommended that he be presented with a plaque in recognition for his time on the Board. President Albers expressed her optimism for the potential candidates for the Board appointment.
8. **Future Board Meeting:** Tuesday September 3, 2023, at 5:30pm
9. **Adjournment:** President Albers adjourned the meeting at 6:23pm

Minutes Approved:

Sadie Albers

President Albers

Date:

10/29/24