

MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING September 10, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.

Meeting will be conducted via Microsoft Teams

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erin Breen
Sara Hunt
Jose L. Melendrez

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Donna Feliz-Barrows

LEGAL COUNSEL: Edward Wynder, Associate General Counsel

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: Randy Smith

STAFF: Tawana Bellamy, Todd Bleak, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Bernadette Meily, Kim Saner, Felicia Sgovio

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Southern Nevada Community Health Center Nominations Committee meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. Tawana Bellamy, Senior Administrative Specialist, administered the roll call and confirmed quorum. Ms. Bellamy provided clear and complete instructions for members of the general public to call in to the meeting to provide public comment, including a telephone number and access code.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Melendrez joined the meeting at 3:02 p.m.

III. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the agenda. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. Please clearly state your name and address and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the First Public Comment portion was closed.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 AGENDA *(for possible action)*

Member Feliz-Barrows made a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. Bellamy requested clarification from Mr. Wynder regarding the voting rights of ex officio member, Feliz-Barrows. Ms. Bellamy noted that Member Feliz-Barrows had made the motion, prompting the need for clarification. Mr. Wynder advised that under the new charter and the rules recently adopted by the board, the board chair serves as an ex officio member. While they may participate in discussions, the voting members are currently members Breen, Hunt, and Melendrez.

A motion was made by Member Breen, seconded by Member Melendrez, and carried unanimously to approve the September 10, 2025 agenda, as presented.

- V. CONSENT AGENDA:** Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Nominations Committee which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

- 1. Approve the Nominations Committee Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2023 (for possible action)**

Ms. Bellamy asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none.

Member Hunt indicated that she would abstain from voting on the minutes as she was not part of the committee at that time.

A motion was made by Member Melendrez, seconded by Member Breen, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

- 1. Review, Discuss and Accept Nominations for New Terms for Governing Board Members and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board on September 16, 2025;** direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Randy Smith, Chief Executive Officer, presented the nominations for the continuation of terms for existing board members Breen, Melendrez, and Feliz-Barrows, who have expressed their interest in continuing to serve in their current roles. Mr. Smith emphasized the importance of active board engagement, citing recent feedback from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) regarding member participation. Mr. Smith commended the nominated members for their exemplary attendance and participation.

Ms. Bellamy asked if there were any questions. There were none.

A motion was made by Member Melendrez, seconded by Member Breen, and carried unanimously to accept Nominations to extend New Terms for Governing Board Members Breen, Melendrez and Feliz-Barrows and Approve Recommendations to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board on September 16, 2025.

2. Review, Discuss and Accept New Board Member Nominations and Approve Recommendation to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board on September 16, 2025; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Mr. Randy Smith opened the discussion by introducing Rebecca Aceves as a candidate for board membership. He expressed his enthusiasm in bringing her forward for consideration and acknowledged her qualifications and interest in serving.

Mr. Smith shared that he had met with Ms. Aceves a few weeks prior to discuss the Southern Nevada Community Health Center's mission and operations, as well as her interest and availability to serve on the board. As part of the standard onboarding process, they reviewed orientation materials and concluded with her completion of the application.

Mr. Smith noted that her responses to the application questions reflect a strong understanding of the organization's mission and a personal connection to its work. Additionally, Ms. Aceves brings relevant experience in the Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) space, which would be valuable to the board. Mr. Smith confirmed that she meets all HRSA demographic requirements.

Member Melendrez voiced his support for Ms. Aceves, citing their longstanding professional relationship and her involvement with Reach. Member Melendrez praised her work and stated she would be a great addition to the team.

Member Breen also expressed support, noting that although she does not know Ms. Aceves personally, her application and professional background indicate she would be a strong candidate.

Ms. Bellamy called for further questions. There were none.

A motion was made by Member Melendrez, seconded by Member Breen, and carried unanimously to accept the New Board Member Nomination of Rebeca Aceves, and Approve Recommendation to the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board on September 16, 2025.

VII. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments, about matters relevant to the Board's jurisdiction will be held. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the Second Public Comment portion was closed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

Randy Smith, MPA
Chief Executive Officer - FQHC

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