SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

Thursday, August 18, 2026, 12:00PM
1120 I Street
Reedley, CA 93654

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BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	**REPRESENTATION**
Charity Thonesen	Zone 3
Vacant	Zone 2
Bruce Hunter	Zone 1
Lydia Martinez	Zone 4
Kathy Omachi	Zone 5

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	**REPRESENTATION**
None	

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:	**TITLE**
Chinayera Black Hardaman, MPA	Chief Executive Officer
Merari Gutierrez	Finance/Program Manager
Brooke Garcia	Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:	
Julie Gallardo	Licensed Notary
Charity Thonesen	Public – Pending Board Member
Neil Thonesen	Public

1.0 CALL TO ORDER:
The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair Bruce Hunter.

2.0 ROLL CALL:
Present: Lydia Martinez, Kathy Omachi, and Bruce Hunter.
Absent: None

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA (ACTION)
3.1 Consideration of the District Agenda

ACTION: Motion to approve the District Consent Agenda as presented. M/S Omachi/Martinez. Motion passed: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Martinez-aye.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5.0 CONSIDERATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD MEMBER FOR ZONE 3

The Board engaged in a meet and greet with Charity Thonesen for consideration to serve out the term Suzanne Johnson, to expire in 2028.

ACTION: Motion to appoint Charity Thonesen to serve as Zone 3 Board Member of the Sierra Kings Health Care District. M/S Omachi/Hunter. Motion passed: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, and Martinez-aye.

6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

CEO Chinayera Black Hardaman read the Certificate of Appointment into the record, certifying Charity Thonesen's appointment to the Sierra Kings Health Care District Zone 3 Board of Directors, effective August 18, 2026, with a term expiring in 2028. Licensed Notary Julie Gallardo then administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Thonesen.

CEO Chinayera Black welcomed Board Member Charity Thonesen to the Board and presented her with Sierra Kings Health Care District swag. CEO Chinayera Black also stated that she and the Board Chair Bruce Hunter will schedule an onboarding meeting with Ms. Thonesen to provide information about the District.

CEO Chinayera Black informed the Board that Mrs. Thonesen will attend her first Regularly Scheduled board meeting on September 22, 2026.

7.0 NEXT MEETING

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Sierra Kings Health Care District will be held on August 25, 2026, at 1120 I Street, Reedley, CA 93654.

Board Member Kathy Omachi stated that a closed session with legal counsel Michael Sachs of Clark Hill may be needed to receive an update on a legal matter. The item will be added to the next agenda and canceled if the update is not ready.

8.0 ADJOURNMENTS

ACTION: Motion to adjourn meeting at 12:21p.m. M/S Martinez/Hunter. Motion passed unanimously: Hunter-aye, Omachi-aye, Thonesen-aye, and Martinez-aye.

Respectfully submitted

Charity Thonesen

~~Lydia Martinez~~
Board Secretary

CHARITY THONESEN