

**CALL TO ORDER** Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 8:05 am.

**PRESENT** Jean Turner, Chair  
Melissa Best-Baker, Vice Chair  
David Lent, Secretary  
David McCoy Barrett, Treasurer  
Laura Smith, Member at Large

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Chair Turner reported that at this time, audience members may speak on any items on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS** Public Comment:  
Several members of the public expressed concern about the hospital's history of leadership instability, noting frequent turnover of both CEOs and Board members. They urged the Board to take a different approach in the current CEO search, emphasizing the need for a leader with 10–15 years of experience, a proven track record in larger and more complex organizations, and the ability to implement lasting organizational reform. Concerns were raised about the possibility of selecting the Interim CEO without fully considering other qualified candidates. Speakers stressed the importance of choosing someone capable of navigating political challenges, addressing corruption, and withstanding internal pressures, while ensuring the selection process is thorough and unbiased.

The Board acknowledged the public comments, noting clarifying information on the turnover on the website. They thanked the speakers for their input and emphasized appreciation for the robust discussion.

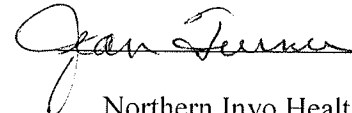
**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION** The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:14 am pursuant to the following Government Code sections:

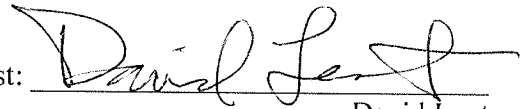
**Public Employee Appointment / Discussion**  
*Government Code § 54957(b)(1)*  
Title: Chief Executive Officer Candidate

**Conference with Labor Negotiators**  
*Government Code § 54957.6*  
Agency Designated Representative: Human Resources  
Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** Called back to order at 6:32 pm  
  
Chair Turner stated there was no action to report.

**ADJOURNMENT** Adjournment at 6:33 pm.

  
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Jean Turner  
Northern Inyo Healthcare District  
Chair

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David Lent  
Northern Inyo Healthcare District  
Secretary