

- CALL TO ORDER** Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Board Chair Best-Baker called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.
- PRESENT** Melissa Best-Baker, Chair  
David Lent, Vice-Chair  
Maggie Egan, Secretary  
Laura Smith, Treasurer  
Jean Turner, Member at Large
- Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer  
Allison Partridge, Chief Operations Officer / Chief Nursing Officer  
Alison Murray, Chief Human Resources Officer, Chief Business Development Officer  
Andrea Mossman, Chief Financial Officer
- TELECONFERENCING** Notice has been posted, and a quorum participated from locations within the jurisdiction.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Chair Best-Baker reported that at this time, audience members may speak on any items not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Board.
- Public Comment:** None
- BROWN ACT** BBK Caughman provided an overview of the Brown Act and its purpose of ensuring transparency and public access to the decision-making processes of local agencies. She reviewed the history of the law, noting that it was created to prevent decision-making outside of public view and to ensure that discussions and deliberations of legislative bodies occur openly.
- Caughman explained what constitutes a meeting under the Brown Act, including the concept of serial meetings and how communications between members—whether through email, text, intermediaries, or social media—can unintentionally violate the law. She emphasized that board members should avoid replying to group communications or sharing opinions outside of a properly noticed meeting.
- The presentation also reviewed meeting requirements such as agenda posting timelines, public comment procedures, teleconferencing rules, and the limited circumstances under which closed sessions may occur. Caughman also discussed the relationship between the Brown Act and the Public Records Act, reminding board members that communications related to district business may be subject to public records requests.
- Board Discussion**
- The board asked questions regarding joint meetings with another healthcare district, use of surveys to gather board input, meeting procedure order, and social media interactions. Discussion also included responding to public comment and exploratory meetings with tribal health organizations. Caughman

provided clarification on Brown Act compliance for each topic.

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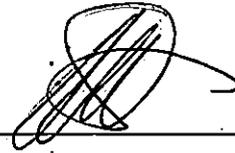
CSDA provided the required financial and fiscal training for board members. The presentation reviewed the financial oversight responsibilities of board members and provided guidance on best practices for fiscal governance and accountability.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment at 3:00 pm.



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Melissa Best-Baker  
Northern Inyo Healthcare District  
Chair



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maggie Egan  
Northern Inyo Healthcare District  
Secretary