



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:00 pm  
District Office Building  
62 Plaza Drive  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

### Remote Meeting Information:

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85734734913>  
Phone: 1-346-248-7799  
Meeting ID: 857 3473 4913

### Guidelines for effective interaction:

- Participate. Ask questions. All input is valid.
- Share thoughts respectfully. Be honest and candid.
- Seek first to understand all sides of an issue.
- Be respectful of others.
- No defensiveness. Respect constructive criticism.

### Agenda:

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Roll Call

<b>Members Present</b>	Mark Dickerson Director, Andy Jones Director, Carolyn Schierholz Director, Nancy Smith Director, Renee Anderson Chairman of the Board, David Simonson Director
<b>Members Absent</b>	Director Eric Rysner
<b>Staff</b>	Janet Grovenor, Stephanie Stanley, Heather Morgan, Sherry Eppers, Dirk Ambrose, Ken Standen, Jill Hall, John Donakowski, Kristi Robinson, Neil Alderson, Ryan Edwards, Nick Adamson, Tyler Ensign, Bobbi Lavoie

Also in attendance was Jim Collins and Douglas Stallworthy, legal counsel from Collins Cole Flynn Winn and Ulmer and three citizens from the community.

#### 4. Guest Presentations

##### a) 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Update – Ryan Stuart, 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Judge

Judge Stuart gave an update to the board on the new 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District. Effective January 7, 2025, the counties of Douglas, Elbert and Lincoln will move from the eighteenth judicial district to a newly created twenty-third judicial district. Under the state constitution, district judges serve the term to which they were elected but may serve in another judicial district if the other district encompasses the county of the judge's residence. Under this measure, by November 30, 2024, the governor would designate judges serving in the eighteenth judicial district to serve the remainder of their terms in the twenty-third judicial district. All judges so designated must establish residency in the twenty-third judicial district by January 7, 2025.

The board asked various questions to which Judge Stuart answered. He thanked them for their time.

#### 5. Public Comments and Questions: Limit three minutes per person

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Jim Collins from Collins Cole Flynn Winn and Ulmer introduced Douglas Stallworthy to the board letting them know that in addition to Kathryn Winn and himself they will be seeing more of Douglas. Chairperson Anderson thanked Douglas for coming and thanked Jim for making the introductions.

There were no online comments or questions.

#### 6. Reaffirmation of Disclosure

There were no changes.

#### 7. Staff Presentations

There were no staff presentations.

#### 8. Discussion Items

There were no staff presentations.

#### 9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

##### a) Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2024

Motion by Jones / Second by Schierholz

6 – 0      Motion Pass

Abstain: None

Absent: 1

##### b) Regular Board Meeting Minutes for May 28, 2024

Prior to voting, Director Smith requested modifications be made to her original comments regarding construction on Quebec to add more clarification to what she was saying. The posted minutes will reflect that change. Director Simonson voted no on this.

Motion by Dickerson / Second by Schierholz

5 – 0      Motion Pass                      Abstain: None                      Absent: 1

#### 10. Receive and File

- a) Study Session Minutes for June 19, 2024

Motion by Schierholz / Second by Dickerson

6 – 0      Motion Pass                      Abstain: None                      Absent: 1

#### 11. Approval of Business Agenda

Motion by Dickerson / Second by Jones

6 – 0      Motion Pass                      Abstain: None                      Absent: 1

#### 12. Consent Business

- a) HRMD-24-133: Ratification of May 2024 Cash and Investment Transactions – Tom Rose
- b) HRMD-24-136: 2023/2024 Parkway Fence Replacement Schedule A – Final Payment – Ken Standen
- c) HRMD-24-137: Dad Clark Gulch DC 3.0 Toepfer Park Bridge to Highlands Ranch Parkway - Forrest Dykstra
- d) HRMD-24-138: Highlands Ranch Senior Center Approve Appropriation - Forrest Dykstra

Motion by Dickerson / Second by Simonson

6 – 0      Motion Pass                      Abstain: None                      Absent: 1

#### 13. General Business

- a) HRMD-24-135: 2024 Concrete Trail Replacement Program – Nick Adamson

Director Schierholz had asked that this program be accelerated to address the most critical areas this year. The additional cost to do this would be \$120,000. Both staff and the contractor have the bandwidth to complete these critical areas this year with some work still to be completed in 2025. Chairperson Anderson called for a motion to vote.

Motion by Schierholz / Second by Dickerson

6-0      Motion Pass                      Abstain: None                      Absent: 1

- b) HRMD-24-139: Permitting the Lawful Possession of Firearms in specified Government Facilities owned by the Highlands Ranch Metro District – Stephanie Stanley

General Manager Stanley reminded the board that at last week's Study Session they had expressed a desire to have a Resolution drafted to opt out of Senate Bill 24-131 prohibiting carrying firearms in sensitive spaces. Legal Counsel has drafted the resolution you have all been

given which addresses spaces where government officials meet. This doesn't apply to this building unless the landlord also adopts this policy. Director Dickerson asked to make a few edits to capitalizing of some of the words. Director Smith asked General Manager to speak with General Manager Sam Calkins of Centennial Water and Sanitation District to see where he stands on this. General Manager Stanley said she would and will update the board. Chairperson Anderson called for a motion to vote as amended.

Motion by Dickerson / Second by Simonson

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Motion Pass

Abstain: None

Absent: 1

#### 14. Special Reports

##### a) District Staff

General Manager Stanley wanted to confirm who from the board would be attending the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and currently has Directors Dickerson, Simonson, Rysner and Jones. Director Schierholz said that she thought she would be able to attend as well. General Manager Stanley said she would email out more detailed instructions on time and location closer to the event and said that we have plenty of candy this year to pass out. Director Schierholz asked if General Manager Stanley needed feedback on the letter that she drafted to Douglas County regarding Wildcat Regional Park showing our support to HRCA's focus of adding amenities that would have minimal impact on adjacent homes and the existing wildlife? She felt that the letter sort of implied that we want to back HRCA but not have any involvement. General Manager Stanley said she didn't feel like it eliminated us participating in the future if we choose to just at this time, we are not ready to commit to participate. Director Schierholz said that was fair. She also asked that in the closing of the letter in the final paragraph we include the wording "exploring this low impact opportunity" just to repeat that we don't want HRCA and Douglas County to work together to build ball fields and swimming pools. General Manager said that she would make those changes before she sends it to Legal Counsel tomorrow.

##### b) Legal Counsel

Nothing from Legal Counsel.

##### c) Chairperson

Chairperson Anderson had nothing further other than to remind the board that they would be receiving an email from General Manager Stanley providing some additional information about the Commissioners work session board meeting that took place this afternoon.

##### d) Directors

Director Jones said he would like to have an offline conversation about addressing some of the issues with the Commissioners. General Manager Stanley asked that he allow

senior staff to meet to discuss next steps and appropriate ways to move forward and she will report back to the board.

Director Simonson said he would like to see a higher level of participation from his fellow Directors. He tasked his fellow board members to put themselves in public view to talk to the people and the Metro District staff and be more involved in making themselves available. He also addressed concerns that he feels the board does not communicate well and said that he is also working on this. He asked the board to acknowledge receipt of calendar invites and emails asking for input. Chairperson Anderson said she agreed saying that it is nice to know that emails were received and didn't end up in a junk folder. She also said she wants to make sure we are following the bylaws so when the board is doing any district business and emailing with General Manager Stanley that she should be copied on the email not that can reply unless the board wants her to but so she as the Chairperson can also be aware of what is being discussed. Director Schierholz asked staff if they really wanted to receive replies from all due to that generating so many emails. General Manager Stanley said if it is an instance where it is informational it doesn't warrant a reply but when she is asking for availability for a pop-up event it is nice to know either way if the board is available.

15. Public Comments and Questions: Limit three minutes per person

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There were no online or public comments or questions.

16. Highlands Ranch Metropolitan District Adjourned

Chairperson Anderson invited a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Simonson made the first and Director Schierholz made the second.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54PM.

Motion by Simonson / Second by Schierholz

6 – 0      Motion Pass

Abstain: None

Absent: 1