A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in the Board Room, 2000 Mowry Avenue, Fremont, California. Director Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll call was taken. Directors present: Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD; Jeannie Yee; Jacob Eapen, MD; Bernard Stewart, DDS Absent:

ROLL CALL

Also present: Kimberly Hartz, Chief Executive Officer; Ed Fayen, Executive Vice President; Chris Henry, Vice President; Stephanie Williams, Vice President; Paul Kozachenko, Legal Counsel; Nick Kozachenko, Legal Counsel; Dee Antonio, District Clerk

There were no oral communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS** 

There were no written communications.

In accordance with Health & Safety Code Sections 32106 and 32155 and California Government Code 54956.9, Director Wallace adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:02 p.m., as the discussion pertained to a trade secret pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 32106 Continuing Program discussion, a Report of Medical Staff and Quality Assurance pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 32155, and a conference with Legal Counsel on Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (d)(2).

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Director Wallace reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:14 p.m. and reported that the Board agreed, on unanimous vote of all of the Board members, to approve a Settlement Agreement between the District and Deborah Duncan. The District agreed to settle threatened litigation pursuant to the California Voting Rights Act. The Board decided to settle this matter in order to avoid the expenditure of potentially millions of dollars in attorneys' fees and costs at a time when the District needs to preserve cash in order to perform mandated seismic retrofit improvements and address other patient centric priorities within the District. In accordance with the Settlement, public hearings will be scheduled in the future.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

In accordance with District Law, Policies, and Procedures, Director Nicholson moved for denial of the claim received on January 21, 2020 on behalf of The Estate and Heirs of Varant Michaelian and that the Chief Executive Officer be directed to provide notice in accordance with government code section 945.6.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIM: VARANT K> MICHAELIAN

Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Michael Wallace – aye William Nicholson, MD – aye Jeannie Yee - aye Jacob Eapen, MD - aye Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye

The motion unanimously carried.

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Mr. Chris Henry announced no Ordinance was required for the refinancing of the Revenue Bonds.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

There being no further business, Director Wallace adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm. ADJOURNMENT

Michael J. Wallace

President

Bernard Stewart, DD

Secretary