



**Visalia Tourism Marketing District
Board of Director's Special Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 30, 2021, 4:10 PM

Meeting at Comfort Suites

1. **Call to Order** – Samantha Rummage-Mathias, Chair. Present: Anil Chagan, Carrie Groover, Robert Lee, and Nellie Freeborn.
2. **Public comments**- None
3. **Consent Items**: None.
4. **Discussion item**:
 - a. **Autism Certification and Audit Expense** – There was discussion about hotel costs to receive certified autism designation and an onsite audit. The board believed it was important to get TMD properties on board to launch Visalia as the first Autism Certified City in California.
5. **Action Item**:
 - a. Anil motioned the TMD reimburse, from allocated budget dollars, up to \$5,000 per TMD participating hotel to attain IBCCES Certified Autism Center designation. Carrie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
6. **Adjourn** at 4:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lee