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## SHORT TAKES

# Status of Tri-City CEO unknown after meeting

2:00 a.m. April 2, 2009

OCEANSIDE: After meeting for nearly four hours in closed session last night, the governing board of the Tri-City Medical Center had nothing to say on the fate of President and CEO Arthur Gonzalez, whom it had placed on leave Dec. 18.

The board also discussed eight other administrators whom it placed on leave at the same time.

Among those present at the closed session was Tim Davis, an attorney representing the taxpayer-supported hospital district in negotiations with the administrators.

Eight of the nine administrators, including Gonzalez, have sued the public hospital district, claiming four board members who voted to place them on leave acted illegally. They also have filed claims, each seeking \$100,000 in damages.

After coming out of closed session, board Chairwoman RoseMarie Reno said there was no public announcement regarding action taken in the session. —M.B.