



SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Kern Medical Center
1700 Mount Vernon Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93306**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 18, 2022

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Alsop, Berjis, Bigler, Brar, Kitchen, McLaughlin, Pelz
Roll Call: 5 Present; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Alsop-McLaughlin denotes Director Alsop made the motion and Director McLaughlin seconded the motion.

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH A "CA" ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND APPROVED BY ONE MOTION.

BOARD ACTION SHOWN IN CAPS

NOTE: DIRECTOR MCLAUGHLIN JOINED THE MEETING AFTER THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. In addition, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU!**

JOSE OROZCO HEARD REGARDING SEIU, LOCAL 521 CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

- 2) On their own initiative, Board members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Government Code section 54954.2(a)(2)) –

DIRECTOR BERJIS REPORTED ON THE UPCOMING THIRD ANNUAL SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY RESEARCH FORUM ON THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2022 TO BE HELD AT BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE IN THE RENEGADE ROOM

CHAIRMAN BIGLER CONGRATULATED KERN MEDICAL CENTER REGISTERD NURSE RICO REYNOLDS ON HIS RECEIPT OF THE CSUB 2022 PRESIDENT’S MEDAL FOR OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

RECOGNITION

- 3) Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer recognizing Norka Quillatupa, M.D., upon her receipt of the 2022 Outstanding Junior Clinician Educator of the Year Award from the American Geriatric Society –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON MADE PRESENTATION
- 4) Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer recognizing the Oncology Service staff at Kern Medical Center for their contribution to community outreach –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON MADE PRESENTATION; CHAIRMAN BIGLER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO STAFF

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- 5) Proposed Resolution in the matter of making findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, and authorizing the continued use of virtual meetings –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2022-008
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 6) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on April 20, 2022 –
APPROVED
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 7) Proposed retroactive acceptance of donation from California Health Collaborative for travel and related expenses for one Kern Medical Center employee to attend the “2nd Annual Central Valley Lactation Conference” in Madera, California, on April 29, 2022 –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2022-009
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 8) Proposed Agreement with Najib Ussef, M.D, a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from August 20, 2022 through August 19, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$2,777,500, plus applicable benefits –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 058-2022 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 9) Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 38519 for Personal/Professional Services with Tel-Tec Security System, Inc., an independent contractor, for badging and access control services, for the period May 9, 2019 through May 8, 2022, extending the term for three years from May 9, 2022 through May 8, 2025 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 059-2022
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 10) Proposed Amendment No. 4 to Agreement 2016-041 with the County of Kern, as represented by the Administrative Office, Kern County Sheriff's Office, and Kern County Probation Department, for the provision of correctional medicine services to in-custody inmates and juvenile wards, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2022, extending the term for one year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 060-2022
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 11) Proposed Injector Placement Agreement with Bracco Diagnostics, Inc., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for use of CT contrast injector equipment and software from May 18, 2022 through May 17, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$8,100 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 061-2022
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 12) Proposed Equipment Usage Agreement with Gen-Probe Sales and Service, Inc., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for purchase of assay processing device and test kits from May 18, 2022 through May 17, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 062-2022
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 13) Proposed Service Agreement with Healthfuse, LLC, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for revenue cycle performance management from June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2025, in an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,723,404 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 063-2022
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

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- 14) Proposed Material Transfer Agreement with University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for the transfer of specimens for use in the development of Valley Fever diagnostics, effective May 18, 2022 and continuing through the length of the study –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 064-2022; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN RELATED DOCUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDY SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL
Pelz- Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin
- 15) Proposed Kern County Hospital Authority operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 –
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU, DIRECTORS BERJIS AND MCLAUGHLIN, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; APPROVED; REFERRED TO KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL
Berjis-Pelz; 6 Ayes 1 Absent - Kitchen

NOTE: DIRECTOR BRAR LEFT THE MEETING PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON ITEM 16

- 16) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report –
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU, DIRECTORS BERJIS AND MCLAUGHLIN, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-McLaughlin; 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Brar, Kitchen
- 17) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON AND DIRECTOR BERJIS HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-McLaughlin; 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Brar, Kitchen
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- 18) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of April 30, 2022 –
RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Kitchen, McLaughlin

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION
Pelz-McLaughlin

CLOSED SESSION

- 19) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 20) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Alizae Bagsby, a minor, by and through her guardian ad litem, Abigail Bagsby v. Kenneth Hutchins, P.A., an individual; Kern County Hospital Authority, a governmental entity; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-20-102566 TSC – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION
McLaughlin-Pelz

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item No. 19 concerning Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – HEARD; BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE DIRECTORS PRESENT (MOTION BY DIRECTOR BERJIS, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PELZ; 2 ABSENT - DIRECTORS BRAR AND KITCHEN), THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, REVIEW/RELEASE OF PROCTORING; AND VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF PRIVILEGES; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 20 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Alizae Bagsby, a minor, by and through her guardian ad litem, Abigail Bagsby v. Kenneth Hutchins, P.A., an individual; Kern County Hospital Authority, a governmental entity; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-20-102566 TSC – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 AT 11:30 A.M.

McLaughlin



/s/ Mona A. Allen
Authority Board Coordinator



/s/ Russell E. Bigler
Chairman, Board of Governors
Kern County Hospital Authority