



## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

### KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

11:30 A.M.

#### BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Alsop, Berjis, Bigler, Brar, Kitchen, McLaughlin, Pelz  
Roll Call: 6 Present, 1 Absent - Alsop

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.

#### NON-AGENDA ITEM

MOTION TO CONSIDER NON-AGENDA ITEM NO. 16A: MADE FINDING THAT THE NEED TO TAKE ACTION ON A NON-AGENDA MATTER OCCURRED AFTER THE AGENDA WAS POSTED ON DECEMBER 10, 2021. KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OPERATES TWO OUTPATIENT RETAIL PHARMACIES. THESE RETAIL PHARMACIES ARE SCHEDULED TO CEASE OPERATION ON DECEMBER 31, 2021, PURSUANT TO ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ON NOVEMBER 17, 2021. ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021, AFTER THE AGENDA WAS POSTED, AUTHORITY STAFF RECEIVED NOTICE THAT THE VENDOR SELECTED TO ACQUIRE THE PATIENT PHARMACY FILES WOULD BE UNABLE TO COMPLETE THE TRANSACTION BY THE DECEMBER 31, 2021 CLOSURE DATE, DUE TO ORGANIZATIONAL RESTRUCTURING. PURSUANT TO STATE LAW, THE PATIENT PHARMACY FILES MUST BE RETAINED IN A FACILITY LICENSED BY THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, AND THE AUTHORITY IS UNABLE TO TRANSFER SUCH FILES TO A LICENSED PHARMACY BY DECEMBER 31, 2021, AS REQUIRED BY LAW

**Berjis-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON AND EMPLOYEES OF MERIDIAN HEALTHCARE PARTNERS, INC. JOINED THE MEETING AFTER THE MOTION AND VOTE ON THE NON-AGENDA ITEM AND 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!  
**NO ONE HEARD**

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))

RECOGNITION

- 3) Resolution honoring Toni Smith, Chief Nursing Officer, upon her retirement with 25 years of dedicated service to Kern Medical Center and the nursing profession –  
ADOPTED RESOLUTION; MADE PRESENTATION TO TONI SMITH; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON AND TONI SMITH HEARD  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**
- 4) Resolution honoring Clinica Sierra Vista for 50 years of dedicated service to Kern County and Stacy Ferreira, Chief Executive Officer, for her outstanding leadership of the organization –  
ADOPTED RESOLUTION; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD  
**Pelz-McLaughlin: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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 2021-016  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**



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- 6) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on November 17, 2021 –  
APPROVED  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 7) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 014-2019 with Meridian Healthcare Partners, Inc., an independent contractor, for Chief Executive Officer and healthcare management services for the period December 16, 2018 through December 15, 2025, extending the term for an additional three years through December 15, 2028, revising the compensation methodology effective December 16, 2021, and adding a new maximum payable of \$10,859,649 for the two-year period from December 16, 2021 through December 15, 2023 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 073-2021  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 8) Proposed Agreement with Adventist Health Physicians Network, an independent contractor, for the provision of certain Kern Medical Center physicians to provide professional services in various clinical specialties including neurological surgery at Adventist Health Bakersfield from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2031 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN AGREEMENT 074-2021 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 9) Proposed Agreement with Valley Neurosurgery and Neurorestoration Center, A Medical Corporation, an independent contractor, for the provision of neurological surgery professional services at Adventist Health Bakersfield from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN AGREEMENT 075-2021 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 10) Proposed retroactive Change Order No. 3 to Agreement 006-2021 with James E. Thompson, Inc., doing business as JTS Construction, an independent contractor, for construction management services related to the 4th Floor Pediatric and Postpartum Renovation project, increasing the maximum payable by \$33,588, from \$1,660,923 to \$1,694,511, to cover the cost of additional services –  
MADE FINDING PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW PER SECTIONS 15301 AND 15061(b)(3) OF STATE CEQA GUIDELINES; APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 076-2021; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO APPROVE ANY FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 10% OF \$1,694,511  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 11) Proposed Sourcewell State & Local FMV Lease Agreement with Pitney Bowes Inc., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for postage mail equipment and services from December 15, 2021 through December 16, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$52,845 plus applicable taxes and fees –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 077-2021  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 12) Proposed Certificate of Acceptance and Acknowledgement of Assignment with Presidio Technology Capital, LLC, an independent contractor, for the acceptance of leased equipment and the assignment of payments in support of the information technology infrastructure –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 078-2021  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 13) Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 5 to Agreement 1048-2010 with Total Renal Care, Inc., an independent contractor, an independent contractor, for acute dialysis services for the period December 1, 2010 through November 30, 2021, extending the term through January 29, 2022 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN AGREEMENT 079-2021  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

- 14) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Berjis-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

- 15) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**McLaughlin-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 16) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of November 30, 2021 –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

- 16A) Proposed continuation of outpatient pharmacy services pending disposition of patient pharmacy files to a licensed retail pharmacy –  
APPROVED  
**Pelz-McLaughlin: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION  
**Berjis-Pelz**

CLOSED SESSION

- 17) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW



- 18) Request for Closed Session regarding per review of health facilities (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION  
**McLaughlin-Berjis**

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item No. 17 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 PELZ, SECOND BY DIRECTOR MCLAUGHLIN; 1 ABSENT - DIRECTOR ALSOP) THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, REVIEW/RELEASE OF PROCTORING, VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF PRIVILEGES AND AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGES; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

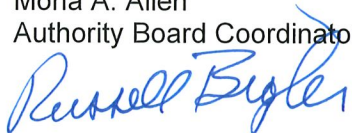
Item No. 18 concerning Request for Closed Session regarding per review of health facilities (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 AT 11:30 A.M.

**Berjis**



/s/ Mona A. Allen  
Authority Board Coordinator



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