



## SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

### KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

11:30 A.M.

#### BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Alsop, Berjis, Bigler, Brar, McLaughlin, Pelz  
Roll Call: 5 Present; 1 Absent - Berjis

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

#### 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))

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- 3) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on May 19, 2021 –  
APPROVED  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 4) Proposed Kern County Hospital Authority Purchase Order Terms and Conditions with Olympus America Inc., an independent contractor, containing non-standard terms and conditions, for the purchase of endoscopic supplies for the Olympus endoscopic reprocessor, from June 16, 2021 through June 15, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 027-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 5) Proposed retroactive Master Services Agreement with HealthStream, Inc., an independent contractor, containing non-standard terms and conditions, for participation in an electronic platform for the onboarding of nursing students from May 20, 2021 through May 19, 2022 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 028-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 6) Proposed Agreement with Sepideh Babaei, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Radiology from July 7, 2021 through July 6, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,950,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 029-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 7) Proposed Amendment No. 3 to Agreement 2016-041 with the County of Kern, as represented by the County 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, 2021, extending the term for one year from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 030-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**



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- 8) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 038-2018 with the County of Kern, as represented by the County Administrative Office and Kern County Sheriff's Office, for correctional medicine services at the Kern Justice Facility, for the period May 12, 2018 through June 30, 2021, extending the term for one year from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 031-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 9) Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 022-2021 with Acute Care Surgery Medical Group, Inc., an independent contractor, for professional medical and administrative services in the General Surgery Program, for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, adding vascular surgery to the service line, and increasing the maximum payable by \$2,968,757, from \$18,394,210 to \$21,362,967, to cover the cost of additional services – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 032-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 10) Proposed Agreement with Acute Care Surgery Medical Group, Inc., an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 033-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 11) Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 069-2019 with Aslan Ghandforoush, D.O., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Medicine, Division of Cardiology, for the period November 26, 2019 through November 25, 2024, to permit outside practice – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 034-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 12) Proposed Master Agreement with SSG Sub, LLC, an independent contractor, containing non-standard terms and conditions, for oncology data management and abstracting services from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 035-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 13) Proposed Equipment Services Agreement with Agiliti Surgical, Inc., an independent contractor, containing non-standard terms and conditions, for use, maintenance and supplies of surgical laser equipment from June 16, 2021 through June 15, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$660,000 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 036-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 14) Proposed Engagement Letter from Moss-Adams, LLP, an independent contractor, regarding the audit of Kern Medical Center financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 037-2021  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent – Berjis**

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- 15) Request to employ retired Kern County Hospital Authority employee Tina Anderson, as Extra Help Senior Paralegal, for the period ending June 30, 2022, or 960 hours, whichever occurs first, effective July 1, 2021 – APPROVED  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 16) Request to employ retired Kern County Hospital Authority employee Manuel Acosta, as Extra Help PACS Administrator, for the period ending June 30, 2022, or 960 hours, whichever occurs first, effective July 1, 2021 – APPROVED  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 17) Proposed renewal and binding of insurance coverages for hospital professional liability, general liability and umbrella/excess liability, workers' compensation and employers liability, automobile liability, heliport liability, directors and officers liability, employment practices liability, crime, privacy and security (cyber) liability, premises pollution liability, underground storage tank liability, employed lawyers liability, and fiduciary liability from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, with option to finance selected premiums through PRISM and IPFS Corporation of California in an amount not to exceed \$1,305,900 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN PREMIUM FINANCE AGREEMENT 038-2021 AND CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

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- 18) Proposed Statement of Commitment to Graduate Medical Education in support of residency and fellowship training programs sponsored by Kern Medical Center, as required by Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, effective July 1, 2021 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

19)

- Kern County Hospital Authority financial report – RECEIVED AND FILED  
**McLaughlin-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

20)

- Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report – RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Pelz-Alsop: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**



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- 21) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of May 31, 2021 –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Alsop-Pelz: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Berjis**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION  
**McLaughlin-Alsop**

CLOSED SESSION

- 22) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 23) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency designated representatives: Chief Executive Officer Russell V. Judd, and designated staff - Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union, Local 521; Committee of Interns and Residents/Service Employees International Union, Local 1957 (Government Code Section 54957.6) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 24) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), (e)(2).) Number of cases: Two (2) Significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of the Board of Governors on the advice of legal counsel, based on: Facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, an accident, disaster, incident, or transactional occurrence that might result in litigation against the Authority and that are known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 25) Request for Closed Session for the purpose of discussion or taking action on authority trade secrets (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(e)(1)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION  
**Alsop-Pelz**

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item No. 22 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 BRAR; 1 ABSENT - DIRECTOR BERJIS), THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, REVIEW/RELEASE OF PROCTORING, REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STAFF STATUS, VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF PRIVILEGES, AND AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGES; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 23 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency designated representatives: Chief Executive Officer Russell V. Judd, and designated staff - Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union, Local 521; Committee of Interns and Residents/Service Employees International Union, Local 1957 (Government Code Section 54957.6) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 24 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2), (e)(2).) Number of cases: Two (2) Significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of the Board of Governors on the advice of legal counsel, based on: Facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, an accident, disaster, incident, or transactional occurrence that might result in litigation against the Authority and that are known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 25 concerning Request for Closed Session for the purpose of discussion or taking action on authority trade secrets (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(e)(1)) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 14, 2021 AT 11:30 A.M.

**Brar**



/s/ Mona A. Allen  
Authority Board Coordinator



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