



## **SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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

Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 21, 2021

11:30 A.M.

#### **BOARD RECONVENED**

Board Members: Alsop, Berjis, Bigler, Brar, McLaughlin, Pelz  
Roll Call: 5 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.

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 ALSOP JOINED THE MEETING AFTER THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND BEFORE THE VOTE ON AGENDA ITEM 10

#### 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))

**DIRECTOR BERJIS REPORTED THAT THERE WILL BE A RECOGNITION LUNCHEON ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2021, FOR GRADUATING RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS. ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION**

RECOGNITION

- 3) Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer recognizing Kern Medical Center employees for their vaccination services –  
MADE PRESENTATION

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- 4) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on March 17, 2021 –  
APPROVED  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 5) Proposed reappointment of Director Raji Brar to the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors, term to expire June 30, 2024 –  
REFERRED TO KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE APPOINTMENT  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 6) Proposed Agreement with Acute Care Surgery Medical Group, Inc., an independent contractor, for professional medical and administrative services in the General Surgery Program from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$18,394,210 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 022-2021  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 7) Proposed Amendment No. 5 to Agreement 2016-030 with Valley Neurosurgery and Neurorestoration Center, A Medical Corporation, an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery, for the period July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021, extending the term for three years from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, and increasing the maximum payable by \$6,058,080, from \$10,668,032 to \$16,726,112, to cover the extended term –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 023-2021  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 8) Proposed Agreement with Rab-Com, Limited, an independent contractor, for purchase of the Totguard Infant and Pediatric Security System, in an amount not to exceed \$340,779, effective April 21, 2021 –  
MADE FINDING PROJECT IS EXEMPT FROM FURTHER CEQA REVIEW PER SECTIONS 15301, 15302 AND 15061(B)(3) OF STATE CEQA GUIDELINES; APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 024-2021; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED 10% OF THE TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

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- 9) Proposed Service Estimate with Mizuho OSI, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for repair of the Mizuho ProFix table shroud, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, effective April 21, 2021 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 025-2021  
**Berjis-McLaughlin: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop**

- 10) Kern County Hospital Authority financial report –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Berjis-Pelz: 6 Ayes**

- 11) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Brar-Pelz: 6 Ayes**

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

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION  
**Berjis-Brar**

CLOSED SESSION

- 13) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 14) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Shine Villanueva, an individual v. Kern County Hospital Authority, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-19-101706 TSC – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 15) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency designated representatives: Vice President & General Counsel Karen S. Barnes and designated staff – Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957.6) – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION  
**Pelz-Alsop**

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item No. 13 concerning Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) –  
HEARD; BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE (MOTION BY DIRECTOR MCLAUGHLIN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BERJIS), THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, REVIEW/RELEASE OF PROCTORING, REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STAFF STATUS, REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PRIVILEGES, AND AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGES; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 14 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Shine Villanueva, an individual v. Kern County Hospital Authority, et al., Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-19-101706 TSC –  
HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 15 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency designated representatives: Vice President & General Counsel Karen S. Barnes and designated staff – Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957.6) –  
HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 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