



SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Community Health Center
Administrative Office
900 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 250
Bakersfield, California 93301

Regular Meeting
Thursday, January 16, 2025

11:30 A.M.

BOARD CONVENED by Interim Chair Karen S. Barnes, Vice President & General Counsel,
Kern County Hospital Authority

Board Members: Behill, Kemp, Lopez, Martinez, Nichols, Sandoval, Smith, Valdez, Williams
Roll Call: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION SHOWN IN CAPS

- 1) Administer Oath of Office –
OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO THOSE DIRECTORS PRESENT (2 ABSENT - KEMP,
VALDEZ) BY KATHLEEN KRAUSE, CLERK OF THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS
- 2) Proposed Resolution Establishing the Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center
Board of Directors and Appointing Initial Members –
RATIFIED RESOLUTION
Smith-Martinez: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez

- 3) Election of Board Chairman –
MS. BARNES CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD CHAIRMAN; MOTION BY DIRECTOR BEHILL, SECOND BY DIRECTOR WILLIAMS NOMINATING DIRECTOR MARTINEZ AS BOARD CHAIRMAN; THERE BEING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE DIRECTORS PRESENT (2 ABSENT - KEMP, VALDEZ), DIRECTOR MARTINEZ WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 4) Election of Board Vice Chairman and Secretary/Treasurer –
DIRECTOR MARTINEZ CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN; MOTION BY DIRECTOR NICHOLS, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BEHILL NOMINATING DIRECTOR SMITH AS BOARD VICE CHAIRMAN; THERE BEING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE DIRECTORS PRESENT (2 ABSENT - KEMP, VALDEZ), DIRECTOR SMITH WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DIRECTOR MARTINEZ CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER; MOTION BY DIRECTOR SMITH, SECOND BY DIRECTOR SANDOVAL NOMINATING DIRECTOR BEHILL AS BOARD SECRETARY/TREASURER; THERE BEING NO FURTHER NOMINATIONS, AND BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE DIRECTORS PRESENT (2 ABSENT - KEMP, VALDEZ), DIRECTOR BEHILL WAS ELECTED SECRETARY/TREASURER OF THE KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
- 5) Proposed Community Health Center Executive Director Position Description –
APPROVED
Smith-Nichols: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez
- 6) Introductions of Kern County Hospital Authority key staff –
KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON INTRODUCED STAFF; DIRECTORS MARTINEZ AND WILLIAMS HEARD
- 7) Presentation regarding Community Health Center Overview –
KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY CHIEF AMBULATORY AND OUTREACH OFFICER RENEE VILLANUEVA MADE PRESENTATION; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON, VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL COUNSEL KAREN BARNES, DIRECTORS MARTINEZ AND WILLIAMS HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Sandoval-Nichols: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez
- 8) Proposed Resolution establishing the regular meeting dates of the Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors for calendar year 2025 –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2025-001
Smith-Behill: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez
- 9) Proposed Co-Applicant Agreement between Kern County Hospital Authority and Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors, effective January 15, 2025, and remaining in effect during the Health Center Program project of any and all periods of Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike certification with the Community Health Center Board of Directors as its co-applicant –

APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 011-2025
Nichols-Smith: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez

- 10) Presentation regarding Community Health Center finance reporting requirements – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU MADE PRESENTATION; DIRECTOR MARTINEZ INQUIRED IF THE HEALTH CENTER IS SUBJECT TO A SEPARATE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT; RECEIVED AND FILED
Williams-Lopez: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez
- 11) Presentation regarding Community Health Center quality reporting requirements – CHIEF AMBULATORY AND OUTREACH OFFICER RENEE VILLANUEVA MADE PRESENTATION; RECEIVED AND FILED
Smith-Behill: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez
- 12) Presentation regarding the Ralph M. Brown Act – HOSPITAL COUNSEL PHILLIP JENKINS MADE PRESENTATION; RECEIVED AND FILED
Lopez-Behill: 7 Present; 2 Absent - Kemp, Valdez

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION
Nichols-Smith

CLOSED SESSION

- 13) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/RECRUITMENT - Title: Executive Director (Government Code Section 54957) – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION
Smith-Behill

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item 13 concerning PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT/RECRUITMENT - Title: Executive Director (Government Code Section 54957) – HEARD; BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE DIRECTS PRESENT (MOTION BY DIRECTOR NICHOLS, SECOND BY DIRECTOR WILLIAMS; 2 ABSENT - KEMP, VALDEZ), THE BOARD RECOMMENDED RENEE VILLANUEVA BE APPOINTED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 14) 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

- 15) 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)) –
NO ONE HEARD

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 AT 11:30 A.M.

Smith



/s/ Mona A. Allen
Clerk of the Board of Directors



/s/ Elsa Martinez
Chairman, Board of Directors
Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center