



SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

**Kern Medical Center
1700 Mount Vernon Avenue
Conference Room 1058
Bakersfield, California 93306**

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Anderson, Berjis, McLaughlin, Merz, Pelz, Pollard, Stout
Roll Call: 5 Present; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH A "CA" OR "C" WERE 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!**

ANTHONY BARBATO, FOUNDING PRINCIPAL, REDWOOD CARE SOLUTIONS, HEARD REGARDING PLACEMENT OF PATIENTS FROM KERN COUNTY FACILITIES FOR HOME HEALTH AND SENIOR LIVING SERVICES

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)) –
NO ONE HEARD

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CA
3) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on December 17, 2025 –
APPROVED
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
4) Proposed Change Order No. 1 to Agreement 052-2025 with Hillrom, Inc., a subsidiary of Baxter Health Corporation, an independent contractor, for additional labor, material and equipment to complete the nurse call light project, increasing the maximum payable by \$14,755, from \$1,379,650 to \$1,394,405, to cover the cost of additional services –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 001-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
5) Proposed Agreement with McMurtrey Lince, Inc., an independent contractor, for general contracting, maintenance, and repair services from January 21, 2026 through January 20, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 002-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
6) Proposed Agreement with Perspective Design Architects, Inc., doing business as PDA, Inc., an independent contractor, for design and construction administration for budgeted construction projects from January 21, 2026 through January 20, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 003-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
7) Proposed Quotes 98828 and Q-100798 with Skytron, LLC, an independent contractor, for replacement and installation of surgical lights in the surgical suites and emergency department, in an amount not to exceed \$391,340, effective January 21, 2026 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 004-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 8) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 025-2023 with Solventum Health Information Systems, Inc., formerly known as 3M Health Information Systems, Inc., an independent contractor, for annual purchase of coding software for the period August 28, 2023 through August 27, 2028, increasing the maximum payable by \$1,009,611, from \$3,710,236 to \$4,719,847, to cover the term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 005-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

CA

- 9) Proposed Amendment No. 4 to Agreement 006-2020 with Neurodiagnostic Workforce LLC, an independent contractor, for neurodiagnostic monitoring services for the period February 12, 2020 through February 11, 2026, extending the term for two years from February 12, 2026 through February 11, 2028, and increasing the maximum payable by \$900,000, from \$2,552,000 to \$3,452,000, to cover the extended term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 006-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

CA

- 10) Proposed request to increase the maximum payable on Service Agreement 39625 with Hayes Locums, an independent contractor, for temporary physician staffing, increasing the annual maximum payable by \$500,000, from \$250,000 to \$750,000, to cover the extended term –
APPROVED
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 11) Proposed Amendment No. 26 and Ordering Document CPQ-3730224 to Agreement 2016-36 with Cerner Corporation, a subsidiary of Oracle Corporation, an independent contractor, for participation in the Oracle Health Learning Health Network at no cost –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 008-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 12) Proposed Rental Agreement and Addenda with UBEO West, LLC, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, establishing new terms and conditions for the lease and maintenance of photocopy machines and printers –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 009-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 13) Proposed Agreement with Teleflex LLC, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for purchase of urology supplies and equipment from January 21, 2026 through January 20, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 010-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 14) Proposed retroactive First Amendment to Sales Order Form Q-130142 with Inovalon Provider, Inc., an independent contractor, for the provision of claims management services, in an amount not to exceed \$440,747, effective December 1, 2025 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 011-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

- CA
15) Proposed Quote 20317577 with TSI Incorporated, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for service and calibration of anesthesia equipment from January 21, 2026 through January 20, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$3,390 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 012-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
16) Proposed Quote 20317635 with TSI Incorporated, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for service and calibration of two Portacount fit testing machines from January 21, 2026 through January 20, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$5,320 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 013-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
17) Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 117-2024 with Kern Medical Center Foundation for administrative management of the Foundation, in an amount payable by the Foundation not to exceed \$496,901.48 for the period October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 014-2026
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
18) Proposed Statement of Institutional 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 from January 21, 2026 through January 21, 2031 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
19) Proposed annual report on the structural performance of Kern Medical Center buildings in compliance with Health and Safety Code section 130066.5 – RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- CA
20) Report on upcoming anticipated retroactive agreements – RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- 21) Report of Independent Auditors from Baker Tilly US, LLP regarding the audit of Kern Medical Center financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025 – KIMBERLY SOKOLOFF AND KRISTEN OLKO, BAKER TILLY US, LLP, HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED; REFERRED TO KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Pelz-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout
- 22) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Merz-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

- 23) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report --
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Anderson: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 24) Monthly report on What's Happening at Kern Medical Center --
RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

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- 25) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of December 31, 2025 --
RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Merz: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Pollard, Stout

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

Andersen-Pelz

CLOSED SESSION

- 26) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health facilities (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) -- SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 27) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency designated representatives: Chief Executive Officer Scott Thygerson, and designated staff - Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union, Local 521 (Government Code Section 54957.6) -- SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 28) 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

Pelz-Berjis

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item 26 concerning Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health facilities (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) -- HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 27 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - Agency designated representatives: Chief Executive Officer Scott Thygerson, and designated staff - Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union, Local 521 (Government Code Section 54957.6) -- HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 28 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, FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 11:30 A.M.

Merz



/s/ Mona A. Allen
Authority Board Coordinator



/s/ Philip McLaughlin
Chairman, Board of Governors
Kern County Hospital Authority