



SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2022

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Alsop, Berjis, Bigler, Brar, Kitchen, McLaughlin, Pelz
Directors Absent: 5 Present; 2 Absent - Alsop, Brar

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 BRAR JOINED THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ROLL CALL

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

NOTE: Following consideration of Item No. 23, the Board considered a motion to reopen Public Presentations in order to hear from members of the public –

MOTION TO REOPEN ITEM NO. 1, PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS, TO HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Berjis-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop

BRANDEE COFFIA, OUTPATIENT CONSULT REPRESENTATIVE; TABATHA LYONS, PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNIT; ANTONIETA MORROW, CLINICAL LABORATORY ASSISTANT; MARCO CRUZ, PATIENT ACCESS SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE; AND MONICA GONZALEZ, CLINICAL LABORATORY SCIENTIST, HEARD REGARDING ONGOING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

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 ON EFFORTS TO INCREASE COLLABORATION WITH DAVID GEFLEN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT UCLA FOR MEDICAL STUDENT ROTATIONS AT KERN MEDICAL CENTER

DIRECTOR BERJIS REPORTED THAT KERN MEDICAL CENTER WILL HOST A RECOGNITION DINNER FOR GRADUATING RESIDENTS ON JUNE 2, 2022; CHAIRMAN BIGLER COMMENTED ON PAST ATTENDANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE HARD WORK OF STAFF TO COORDINATE THE EVENT

RECOGNITION

- 3) Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer recognizing Kern Medical Center employees from Employee Health, Human Resources and Information Systems for their outstanding dedication and service throughout the COVID-19 pandemic –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON MADE PRESENTATION; CHAIRMAN BIGLER AND DIRECTOR KITCHEN EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION TO STAFF

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CA

- 4) 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 2022-006
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop

CA

- 5) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on February 16, 2022 and special meeting on February 22, 2022 –
APPROVED
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop

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- 6) Proposed Agreement with Eugene H. Roos, D.O., an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Radiology from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 030-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - AIsop

CA

- 7) Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 029-2021 with Sepideh Babaei, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Radiology for the period July 7, 2021 through July 6, 2024, increasing the per diem rates for shifts worked in excess of the number of contracted shifts –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 031-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - AIsop

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- 8) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Teleradiology Service Agreement 014-2020 with Virtual Radiologic Professionals of California, P.A., an independent contractor, for teleradiology services in the Department of Radiology for the period April 13, 2020 through April 12, 2022, extending the term from April 13, 2022 through April 12, 2024, and increasing the maximum payable by \$1,600,000, from \$1,128,000 to \$2,728,000, to cover the extended term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 032-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - AIsop

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- 9) Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 017-2019 with Antony Minasaghanian, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Radiology for the period June 8, 2019 through June 7, 2022, increasing the per diem rates for shifts worked in excess of the number of contracted shifts, effective March 16, 2022, and increasing the maximum payable by \$450,000, from \$1,750,000 to \$2,200,000, to cover the term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 033-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - AIsop

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- 10) Proposed Agreement with Antony Minasaghanian, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Radiology from June 8, 2022 through June 7, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$4,050,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 034-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - AIsop

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- 11) Proposed Service Order Form with Therapeutic Research Center, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for industry specific continuing education resources for the Pharmacy Department from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$11,500 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 035-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - AIsop

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18) Proposed Purchase Order and Service Agreement with Laborie Medical Technologies, Corp., an independent contractor, for the purchase and maintenance of a urodynamic system for critical bladder study testing from March 16, 2022 through March 15, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 042-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop
- CA
19) Proposed renewal and binding of all-risk property insurance through PRISM and earthquake coverage through Specialty Risk Underwriters and Evanston Insurance Company from March 31, 2022 through March 31, 2023, with option to finance the earthquake premium through IPFS Corporation of California, in an amount not to exceed \$634,650 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN PREMIUM FINANCE AGREEMENT 043-2022 AND CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop
- CA
20) Proposed retroactive RetinaVue Network End User License Agreement with Welch Allyn, Inc., an independent contractor, for software licenses to access diabetic retinopathy imaging from January 19, 2022 through December 31, 2027 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN AGREEMENT 044-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop
- CA
21) Proposed Agreement with Randolph Fok, M.D., an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$765,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 045-2022
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop
- 22) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report –
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-McLaughlin: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop
- 23) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Kitchen: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop
- CA
24) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of February 28, 2022 –
RECEIVE AND FILE
Kitchen-Pelz: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Alsop

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION
Pelz-McLaughlin

CLOSED SESSION

- 25) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 26) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Farzin Tayefeh, M.D., et al. v. County of Kern, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-15-100647 – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 27) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) Number of cases: One (1) Based on facts and circumstances, the Board of Governors has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION

McLaughlin-Pelz

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item No. 25 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 MCLAUGHLIN, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BERJIS; 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. 26 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Farzin Tayefeh, M.D., et al. v. County of Kern, et al., Kern County Superior Court, Case No. BCV-15-100647 – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

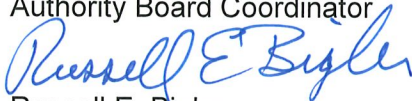
Item No. 27 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) Number of cases: One (1) Based on facts and circumstances, the Board of Governors has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022 AT 11:30 A.M.

Pelz



/s/ Mona A. Allen
Authority Board Coordinator



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