



SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2021

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED

Directors present: Alsop, Berjis, Bigler, Brar, McLaughlin, Pelz

Directors absent: None

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!**

LYLE WOOD, ICU NURSE, DR. JENNIFER FRANKS, DR. MAGGIE JIANG, DR. MINERVA PINEDA, DR. TAIDE CHAVEZ-STURMAN, DR. TAMMY ISSA, DR. NIZLA SHOAR, DR. GOLI SHENASAN, ITWINDER SIVIA, DR. MARIAM BARSEGHYAN, SHADEE GIURGIUS, DR. NAKISA KIAI, DR. MICHAEL NTIM, TYLER TORRICO, DR. KHALID RAMAHI, DR. ATISH VANMALI, ARTUR SAAKYAN, DR. RYAN ROLESAN, ELVA TSENG, SPENCER LEWIS, DR. TONI CROSS, TYLER WHEELER, DR. ANGELA TSENG, DR. ABDELHAMID DALIA, DR. BRETT COWAN, CAROL TANG, DR. BENJAMIN BOODAIE, AND DR. NANSE MENDOZA, HEARD REGARDING CIR/SEIU LOCAL 1957 LABOR NEGOTIATIONS; CHAIRMAN BIGLER REMARKED THAT SALARY SHOULD NOT BE ASSOCIATED WITH RESPECT AND THAT RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS ARE HIGHLY REGARDED BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND MANAGEMENT

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 COMMENTED ON THE VIRTUAL FORMAT USED THIS YEAR FOR MATCHING RESIDENTS TO PHYSICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS AND THAT EACH PROGRAM SPONSORED BY KERN MEDICAL CENTER MATCHED ITS ALLOTTED NUMBER OF RESIDENTS FOR THE UPCOMING 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

CHAIRMAN BIGLER REPORTED NATIONAL DOCTOR'S DAY IS MARCH 30, AND IN HONOR OF THEIR DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT EACH KERN MEDICAL CENTER PHYSICIAN WILL RECEIVE A CUSTOM-MADE HANGER FOR THEIR WHITE COAT

RECOGNITION

- 3) Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer recognizing the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors on its fifth anniversary –
MADE PRESENTATION

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- 4) Minutes for Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meetings on February 17, 2021 –
APPROVED
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 5) Proposed Agreement with Matthew M. Malerich, M.D., Incorporated, an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from April 9, 2021 through April 8, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 015-2021
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 6) Proposed Agreement with Desert Hand and Plastic Surgery PC, an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from April 9, 2021 through April 8, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 016-2021
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 7) Proposed Agreement with Ralph Garcia-Pacheco Suarez, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Medicine from June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$1,560,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 017-2021
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 8) Proposed Amendment No. 4 to Agreement 07616 with KSA Group Architects, LLP, an independent contractor, for engineering and architectural services 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 \$100,000, from \$700,000 to \$800,000, to cover the extended term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 018-2021
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 9) Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 7 to Agreement 472-2009 with Morrison Management Specialists, Inc., dba Morrison Health Care, Inc., an independent contractor, for dietary and nutrition services for the period June 27, 2009 through June 26, 2023, increasing the maximum payable for the period June 27, 2018 through June 26, 2023 by \$7,776,693, from \$6,798,536 to \$14,575,299, effective December 1, 2020 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 019-2021
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 10) Proposed Resolution reaffirming the commitment of the Board of Governors to patient safety at Kern Medical Center –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2021-004; DIRECTED STAFF TO IMPLEMENT SAFETY PLAN
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 11) Proposed Services Agreement with Craneware plc, an independent contractor, containing non-standard terms and conditions, for re-templating of the Chargemaster and Physician Revenue Toolkit from March 17, 2021 through March 16, 2022, in an amount not exceed \$9,400 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 020-2021
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

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- 12) 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, 2021 through March 31, 2022, with option to finance the earthquake premium through IPFS Corporation of California in an amount not to exceed \$585,217 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN PREMIUM FINANCE AGREEMENT 021-2021 AND CERTIFICATE OF INCUMBENCY
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

- 13) Kern County Hospital Authority financial report – RECEIVED AND FILED
Brar-Pelz: 6 Ayes

- 14) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report – RECEIVED AND FILED
McLaughlin-Berjis: 6 Ayes

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- 15) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of February 28, 2021 – RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Alsop: 6 Ayes

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION
Berjis-Brar

CLOSED SESSION

- 16) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 17) 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-Alsop

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item No. 16 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 ALSOP, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BRAR), THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, REVIEW/RELEASE OF PROCTORING, AND VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item No. 17 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, APRIL 21, 2021 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