



## **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, July 16, 2025

11:30 A.M.

#### **BOARD RECONVENED:**

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

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

**NOTE: DIRECTOR MERZ JOINED THE MEETING AFTER THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PRIOR TO ITEM 1**

**NOTE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON LEFT THE ROOM PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND DID NOT RETURN UNTIL AFTER THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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 THANKED THE BOARD FOR ATTENDING THE GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION RECOGNITION DINNER AND REPORTED THE START OF THE LARGEST CLASS OF INCOMING RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS AT KERN MEDICAL CENTER ON JULY 1, 2025**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CA
- 3) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors special meeting on June 18, 2025 –  
APPROVED  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**
- CA
- 4) Proposed Rental Service Agreement with Mission Linen Supply, an independent contractor, for linen and laundry services for a term of five years from July 30, 2025 through July 31, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 073-2025  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**
- CA
- 5) Proposed Agreement with Ken Dunbar and Sons, Inc., an independent contractor, for construction management services for the Valley Fever Institute, in an amount not to exceed \$1,480,759, effective July 16, 2025, until project completion –  
MADE A FINDING THAT THE 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 074-2025  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

CA

- 6) Proposed Addendum to Agreement 03377421.0 and Price Quote with GE Healthcare Technologies, Inc., and independent contractor, for purchase of a maintenance kit for anesthesia machines in an amount not to exceed \$12,813, plus applicable fees and taxes, effective July 16, 2025 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 075-2025  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

CA

- 7) Proposed Agreement with MMA Securities LLC, an independent contractor, for retirement plan advisory and consulting services for the Kern County Hospital Authority Defined Contribution Plan for Physician Employees for a term of three years from July 16, 2025 through July 15, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 076-2025  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

CA

- 8) Proposed Ordering Document CPQ-3778502, with Oracle America, Inc., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for purchase of tissue and implant tracking software, installation, and maintenance for a term of five years from July 16, 2025 through July 15, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$101,338 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 077-2025  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

CA

- 9) Proposed Amendment No. 4 to Agreement 099-2023 with Alton Scott Thygerson, a contract employee, for Chief Executive Officer services for the period July 19, 2023 through July 19, 2026, for voluntary deferral of automatic salary adjustment and annual incentive compensation until 2026 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 078-2025  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

CA

- 10) Proposed election of officers to the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors –  
DIRECTOR MCLAUGHLIN ELECTED CHAIRMAN, DIRECTOR BERJIS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN, AND DIRECTOR PELZ ELECTED SECRETARY/TREASURER  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

CA

- 11) Report on upcoming anticipated retroactive agreements –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

12)

- Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 3 to Agreement 26121 with Bryant A. Nachtigall, D.P.M., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery for the period July 17, 2021 through December 31, 2025, increasing the maximum payable by \$1,365,750, from \$1,800,000 to \$3,165,750, to cover the term, effective September 1, 2024 –  
VICE PRESIDENT, STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT NATALEE GARRETT HEARD REGARDING THE RETROACTIVITY OF ITEM 12; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD REGARDING EFFORTS TO MITIGATE EXCEEDING CONTRACT MAXIMUM PAYABLES; APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 079-2025  
**Berjis-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pollard**

- 13) Proposed retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 100-2023 with Mohammed A.S. Molla, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Psychiatry for the period August 16, 2023 through August 15, 2028, increasing the max payable by \$100,000, from \$3,000,000 to \$3,100,000, to cover the term, effective July 1, 2025 –  
VICE PRESIDENT, STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT NATALEE GARRETT HEARD REGARDING THE RETROACTIVITY OF ITEM 13; APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 080-2025  
**Pelz-Berjis: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pollard**
- 14) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report –  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU HEARD; DIRECTOR BERJIS ASKED HOW KERN MEDICAL CENTER PLANS TO MANAGER THE INFLUX OF UNINSURED WITH THE UPCOMING FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO MEDICAID; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON REPONDED; RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Merz-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pollard**
- 15) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report –  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Pelz-Stout: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pollard**
- CA  
16) Monthly report on What's Happening at Kern Medical Center –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**
- CA  
17) Miscellaneous Correspondence as of June 30, 2025 –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**
- CA  
18) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of June 30, 2025 –  
RECEIVED AND FILED –  
**Anderson-Berjis: 5 Ayes; 2 Absent - Merz, Pollard**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION

**Berjis-Stout**

CLOSED SESSION

- 19) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 20) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health facilities (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 21) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Melissa Perry, individually and as successor-in-interest of Decedent Kimberly Morrissey-Scalia, Plaintiff, et al., v. County of Kern, a municipal corporation, Kern County Hospital Authority, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:17-cv-01097-KES-CDB – SEE RESULTS BELOW

- 22) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) Number of cases: One (1) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board of Governors has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 23) 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
- 24) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 25) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) Number of cases: One (1) Significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of the Board of Governors on the advice of legal counsel, based on: Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the Authority but which the Authority believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed (Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION  
**Berjis-Pelz**

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item 19 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 ANDERSON, SECOND BY DIRECTOR PELZ; 1 ABSENT - DIRECTOR POLLARD), THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT, REAPPOINTMENT, RELEASE OF PROCTORING, REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN STAFF STATUS, VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF PRIVILEGES, AND AUTOMATIC TERMINATION OF PRIVILEGES; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 20 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 21 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Melissa Perry, individually and as successor-in-interest of Decedent Kimberly Morrissey-Scalia, Plaintiff, et al., v. County of Kern, a municipal corporation, Kern County Hospital Authority, et al., United States District Court, Eastern District of California, Case No. 1:17-cv-01097-KES-CDB – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 22 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4)) Number of cases: One (1) Based on existing facts and circumstances, the Board of Governors has decided to initiate or is deciding whether to initiate litigation – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 23 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 24 concerning PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 25 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)) Number of cases: One (1) Significant exposure to litigation in the opinion of the Board of Governors on the advice of legal counsel, based on: Facts and circumstances that might result in litigation against the Authority but which the Authority believes are not yet known to a potential plaintiff or plaintiffs, which facts and circumstances need not be disclosed (Government Code Section 54956.9(e)(1)) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025 AT 11:30 A.M.

**Pelz**



/s/ Mona A. Allen  
Authority Board Coordinator



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