



## 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, August 20, 2025

11:30 A.M.

#### BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Anderson, Berjis, McLaughlin, Merz, Pelz, Pollard, Stout  
Roll Call: 6 Present; 1 Absent - Pelz

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 PELZ JOINED THE MEETING AFTER THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND PRIOR TO THE VOTE ON ITEM 26**

#### 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)) –  
**NO ONE HEARD**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- CA  
3) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on July 16, 2025 –  
APPROVED  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
4) Proposed Agreement with Curlin Medical, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for training of BioMed Technicians to perform preventive maintenance on intravenous pumps, effective August 20, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$7,500 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 081-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
5) Proposed Order Form with Qualtrics LLC, an independent contractor, for patient and employee experience surveys from November 16, 2025 through November 15, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$393,459 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 082-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
6) Proposed Lease Agreement with Advanced Imaging Services, Inc., an independent contractor, for one mobile MRI unit for a term of 24 months from the date of delivery in an amount not to exceed \$924,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 083-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
7) Proposed retroactive Service Agreement Quotation 00195540 with Advanced Sterilization Products, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for service and maintenance of sterilization equipment from July 8, 2025 through October 31, 2025, in an amount not to exceed \$11,785 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 084-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

CA

- 8) Proposed Agreement with JTS Construction, an independent contractor, for construction services related to the CT scan replacement project from August 20, 2025 until project completion, in an amount not to exceed \$395,500 –  
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 085-2025; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN FUTURE CHANGE ORDERS NOT TO EXCEED 10% OF THE CONTRACT VALUE, FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT PRICE NOT TO EXCEED \$395,450  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

CA

- 9) Proposed Third Amendment to Agreement 23316 with The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University, on behalf of California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative, for participation in the Maternal Data Center, for the period October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2025, extending the term for three years from October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028, and increasing the maximum payable by \$35,700, from \$105,000 to \$140,700, to cover the extended term –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 086-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

CA

- 10) Proposed Ordering Document CPQ-4013564 with Oracle America, Inc, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for onboarding of a new legacy data platform from August 20, 2025 through August 19, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$10,128 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 087-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 11) Proposed acceptance of donation from Intuitive Surgical, Inc., for travel and related expenses to cover all costs for two Kern Medical Center employees to attend the 10th Annual Intuitive 360 conference in Chula Vista, California, from September 4-6, 2025 –  
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2025-016  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 12) Proposed acceptance of donation from Public Risk Innovation, Solution, and Management (PRISM) for travel and related expenses to cover two Kern Medical Center employees to attend the PRISM 2025 Annual Conference in San Diego, California, from September 30 through October 3, 2025 –  
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2025-017  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

CA

- 13) Proposed retroactive Quote Q-351642 with Ultimate Kronos Group Inc., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for a human resources subscription service from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$1,796,028 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 088-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 14) Proposed Amendment No. 3 to Agreement 2020-171 with the City of Bakersfield, an independent contractor, for no-cost clinic space located at 1900 East Brundage Lane, for the period September 9, 2020 through September 9, 2025, extending the term from September 9, 2025 through September 30, 2030 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 089-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 15) Proposed Agreement with Roba S. Alhasan, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Medicine from September 6, 2025 through September 5, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$2,700,000, plus applicable benefits –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 090-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 16) Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 60523 with Yufan Brandon Chen, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for the period August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026, increasing the compensation for call coverage, and increasing the maximum payable by \$500,000, from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000, to cover the term –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 091-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 17) Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Agreement 144-2024 with Antonio L. Garcia, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for the period October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2027, increasing the compensation for call coverage, and increasing the maximum payable by \$500,000, from \$1,650,700 to \$2,150,000, to cover the term –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 092-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 18) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 095-2022 with Sarah G. Gonzalez, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Medicine, for the period August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2028, increasing the annual base salary by \$25,000, from \$340,00 to \$365,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 093-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

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- 19) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 044-2023 with Juan M. Lopez, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for the period March 15, 2023 through March 14, 2028, increasing the compensation for call coverage, and increasing the maximum payable by \$500,000, from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000, to cover the term –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 094-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

- CA  
20) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 16523 with Yasser Ratl Mrad, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical and administrative services in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, for the period March 15, 2023 through March 14, 2026, increasing the compensation for call coverage, adding an annual stipend for medical director services, and increasing the maximum payable by \$750,000, from \$1,500,000 to \$2,250,000, to cover the term –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 095-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
21) Proposed Agreement with John B. Schlaerth, M.D., A California Medical Corporation, an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$1,320,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 096-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
22) Proposed Agreement with Efe Chantal Ghanney Simons, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from September 20, 2025 through September 19, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000, plus applicable benefits –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 097-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
23) Proposed Agreement with Najib Ussef, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from August 20, 2025 through August 19, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000, plus applicable benefits –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 098-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
24) Proposed Agreement with Sandeep S. Walia, M.D., A Professional Medical Corporation, doing business as West Coast Eye Institute, an independent contractor, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from September 1, 2025 through August 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$2,400,000 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 099-2025  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- CA  
25) Report on upcoming anticipated retroactive agreements –  
RECEIVED AND FILED  
**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**
- 26) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report –  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU HEARD; DIRECTOR BERJIS ASKED IF THE AUTHORITY PERIODICALLY RENEGOTIATE PAYER CONTRACTS; MR. CANTU REPLIED THAT WE ARE CONSTANTLY EVALUATING OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE REVENUE AND REIMBURSEMENT; DIRECTOR ANDERSON INQUIRED IF THE INCREASE IN PATIENT ACTIVITY IS ISOLATED OR ACROSS THE BOARD; DIRECTOR BERJIS STATED

WE ARE SEEING PATIENTS WITH HIGHER ACUITY, PATIENTS ARE AFRAID OF ICE, AND UCLA REPORTS HAVING THE SAME EXPERIENCE; DIRECTOR POLLARD ASKED ABOUT THE EXPERIENCE OF AREA HOSPITALS; MR. THYGERSON REPORTED THAT EVERY HOSPITAL IN KERN COUNTY IS HAVING A SIMILAR EXPERIENCE TO KERN MEDICAL CENTER, BUT THAT WE ARE INUNDATED WITH PATIENT TRANSFERS UNLIKE THE OTHER HOSPITALS; RECEIVED AND FILED

**Berjis-Anderson: All Ayes**

- 27) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; DIRECTOR ANDERSON INQUIRED ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE FQHC; MR. THYGERSON REPORTED THAT THE APPLICATION WAS SUBMITTED IN MAY 2025 AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IS WAITING TO HEAR FROM HRSA TO SCHEDULE THE ON-SITE VISIT; RECEIVED AND FILED **Pelz-Pollard: All Ayes**

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- 28) Monthly report on What's Happening at Kern Medical Center – RECEIVED AND FILED

**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

CA

- 29) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of July 31, 2025 – RECEIVED AND FILED

**Pollard-Anderson: 6 Ayes; 1 Absent - Pelz**

ADJOURNED AS KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS; RECONVENED AS KERN MEDICAL SURGERY CENTER, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS

**Pelz-Pollard**

- C-30) Kern Medical Surgery Center, LLC, Administrative Report – RECEIVED AND FILED

**Pollard-Pelz: All Ayes**

- C-31) Proposed credentialing recommendations – APPROVED

**Pollard-Pelz: All Ayes**

- C-32) Proposed First Amendment to Kern Medical Surgery Center Bylaws of the Medical Staff to clarify the definition of current license to include a postgraduate training license issued by the Medical Board of California or the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, as applicable, to a physician-in-training, effective August 20, 2025 – APPROVED

**Pollard-Pelz: All Ayes**

- C-33) Proposed Single Site Agreement with Johnson & Johnson Health Care System Inc., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for purchase of joint reconstruction products from August 20, 2025 through August 19, 2027, in an amount estimated not to exceed \$1,000,000 – APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 100-2025

**Pollard-Pelz: All Ayes**

- C-34) Proposed ASC Apex Pricing Agreement with Boston Scientific Corporation, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for purchase of gastroenterology supplies from August 28, 2025 through August 27, 2028, in an amount estimated not to exceed \$167,083 –  
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 101-2025  
**Pollard-Pelz: All Ayes**

ADJOURNED AS KERN MEDICAL SURGERY CENTER, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS;  
RECONVENED AS KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
**Berjis-Anderson**

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION  
**Berjis-Pollard**

CLOSED SESSION

- 35) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 36) 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
- 37) 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
- 38) PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957) – SEE RESULTS BELOW

RECONVENED FROM CLOSED SESSION  
**Pelz-Berjis**

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item 35 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 BERJIS, SECOND BY 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 36 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 37 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

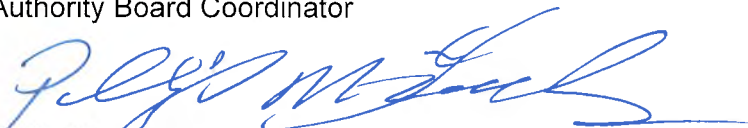
Item 38 concerning PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION - Title: Chief Executive Officer (Government Code Section 54957) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025 AT 11:30 A.M.

**Pollard**



/s/ Mona A. Allen  
Authority Board Coordinator



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