



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 15, 2025

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Anderson, Berjis, McLaughlin, Merz, Pelz, Pollard
Roll Call: 6 Present

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

RECOGNITION

- 1) Presentation by the Chief Executive Officer recognizing January 2025 as Human Trafficking month –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON MADE PRESENTATION; CHIEF NURSING OFFICER TONYA BARRAZA, CLINICAL DIRECTOR JENNY WILSON, AND DIRECTOR OF SECURITY SHAD REEVES HEARD; DIRECTOR POLLARD COMMENDED STAFF AND LEADERSHIP ON THEIR EFFORTS TO CURB HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN KERN COUNTY; CHAIRMAN MCLAUGHLIN THANKED STAFF FOR THEIR EFFORTS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2) 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

- 3) 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

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- 4) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on December 11, 2024 –
APPROVED
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 5) Proposed Renewal Subscription to License Agreement 04518 with Decision Resources Group, Inc., an affiliate of Clarivate PLC, on behalf of its Healthcare Business Insights Division, an independent contractor, for the period February 12, 2018 through February 11, 2025, for renewal of the Revenue Cycle Academy/E-Learning Membership, extending the term one year from February 12, 2025 through February 11, 2026, and increasing the maximum payable by \$31,570, from \$192,408 to \$223,978, to cover the extended term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 001-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 6) Proposed Agreement with Patrick G. Pieper, M.D., a contract employee, for professional medical services in the Department of Surgery from February 1, 2025 through January 31, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$2,250,000, plus applicable benefits –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 002-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 7) Proposed Agreement with TK Elevator Corporation, an independent contractor, for the provision of elevator services from January 15, 2025 through January 14, 2030, in an amount not to exceed \$662,061 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 003-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 8) Proposed Amendment No. 2 to Agreement 59522 with DFI Enterprises, an independent contractor, for the period September 19, 2022 through September 18, 2027, for construction project inspection services, revising the fee schedule, and increasing the maximum payable by \$1,000,000, from \$450,000 to \$1,450,000, to cover the term –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 004-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 9) Proposed Change Order No. 3 to Agreement 025-2024 with Heredia Cabling Solutions, Inc., an independent contractor, for the period February 21, 2024 through project completion, for installation of electrical wiring and door sensors for the 4th floor infant security system, increasing the maximum payable by \$11,203, from \$181,341 to \$192,543, to cover the project –
MADE 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 005-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 10) Proposed acceptance of donation of travel and related expenses from Arjo Inc., for one Kern Medical Center employee to attend the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas, from February 26-28, 2025 –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2025-001
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 11) Proposed acceptance of donation of travel and related expenses (conference fees only) from Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for one Kern Medical Center employee to attend the 2025 Liebert Cassidy Whitmore Annual Employment Law Conference in San Diego, California, from January 30-31, 2025 –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2025-002
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 12) 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
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 13) Proposed Master Equipment and Products Agreement with Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, an independent contractor, for replacement of laboratory equipment, service, and consumables from January 15, 2025 through January 14, 2032, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000,000, plus applicable taxes and fees –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 006-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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- 14) Proposed Amendment to Customer Agreement 053-2021C with Stericycle, Inc., an independent contractor, for the period September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2026, for additional controlled substance waste containers, increasing the aggregate cost by \$49,305

over the term, effective January 15, 2025 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 007-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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15) Proposed Affiliation Agreement with Idaho State University, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for clinical training of Physician Assistant students, from February 1, 2025 through July 31, 2025 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 008-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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16) Proposed updated Conflict of Interest Policy and Code for Kern County Hospital Authority –
APPROVED; REFERRED TO KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR APPROVAL
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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17) Proposed 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and 2024 Actuarial Valuation and Employer and Employee Contribution Rates from Kern County Employees' Retirement Association (KCERA) –
RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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18) Proposed Invoice 2025003 with Astanza, LLC, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for laser maintenance services from January 29, 2025 through January 29, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$11,999 –
APPROVED AGREEMENT 009-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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19) Proposed Master Services and Business Associate Agreement with Augmedix Operating Corp., an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for purchase of virtual, real-time medical documentation assistance from January 15, 2025 through January 14, 2026, in an amount not to exceed \$72,000 –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 010-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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20) Proposed Co-Applicant Agreement between Kern County Hospital Authority and Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors, effective January 15, 2025, and remaining in effect during the Health Center Program project of any and all periods of Federally Qualified Health Center Look-Alike certification with the Community Health Center Board of Directors as its co-applicant –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 011-2025
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

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21) Proposed Resolution Establishing the Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors and Appointing Initial Members –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2025-003
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

- 22) Presentation on Report of Independent Auditors from Moss Adams LLP regarding the audit of Kern Medical Center financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 – STACY STELARIEDE, CPA, AND KRISTEN OLKO, CPA, OF MOSS ADAMS LLP MADE PRESENTATION; DIRECTORS ANDERSON AND POLLARD HEARD REGARDING GUIDANCE TO MITIGATE POTENTIAL RISKS; RECEIVED AND FILED; REFERRED TO KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Anderson-Pollard: 6 Ayes
- 23) Proposed retroactive Quote Q-34534 and Statement of Work with Workato Inc., an independent contractor, for purchase of automation software and training from January 5, 2025 through January 4, 2028, in an amount not to exceed \$493,695 – CO-CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER EZZAT KHALIL HEARD REGARDING RETROACTIVITY OF ITEM 23; DIRECTOR POLLARD HEARD REGARDING THE PLAN FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORT AFTER THE CONTRACT EXPIRES IN 2028; APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 012-2025
Berjis-Pelz: 6 Ayes
- 24) Report on Kern Medical Center Undergraduate and Graduate Medical Education – CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER GLENN GOLDIS, M.D., HEARD; DIRECTOR POLLARD HEARD REGARDING SUPPORT FROM STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pollard-Merz: 6 Ayes
- 25) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pollard-Pelz: 6 Ayes
- 26) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report – CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pollard-Pelz: 6 Ayes
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27) Monthly report on What's Happening at Kern Medical Center – RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes
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28) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of December 31, 2024 – RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Anderson: 6 Ayes

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION
Berjis-Anderson

CLOSED SESSION

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

- 30) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health facilities (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 31) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Rous, Lyn, Applicant v. County of Kern, Defendants, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Case Numbers ADJ7332417; ADJ7454377 – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 32) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Jeffry Huffman, an individual, Plaintiff, v. Kern County Hospital Authority, a California Public Entity; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, Defendants, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-23-103540 – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 33) 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
- 34) 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-Pollard

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item 29 concerning Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 30 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 31 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Rous, Lyn, Applicant v. County of Kern, Defendants, Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, Case Numbers ADJ7332417; ADJ7454377 – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 32 concerning CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - FORMALLY INITIATED LITIGATION (Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)) Name of case: Jeffry Huffman, an individual, Plaintiff, v. Kern County Hospital Authority, a California Public Entity; and DOES 1-25, inclusive, Defendants, Kern County Superior Court Case No. BCV-23-103540 – HEARD; NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 33 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 34 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 19, 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