



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, December 11, 2024

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED

Board Members: Anderson, Berjis, McLaughlin, Merz, Pelz, Pollard
Roll Call: 5 Present; 1 Absent - Merz

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

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 REPORTED KERN MEDICAL CENTER RECEIVED ACCREDITATION FOR ITS 9TH RESIDENCY PROGRAM, A ONE-YEAR TRANSITIONAL RESIDENCY, AND THANKED THE MEDICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

CA

- 3) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Board of Governors regular meeting on November 20, 2024 –
APPROVED
Berjis-Pollard: 4 Ayes; 1 Abstention - Anderson; 1 Absent - Merz;

CA

- 4) Proposed Business Associate Agreement with Manifest MedEx, an independent contractor, containing nonstandard terms and conditions, for Health Information Exchange services –
APPROVED; AUTHORIZED CHAIRMAN TO SIGN AGREEMENT 201-2024
Berjis-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

CA

- 5) Proposed Resolution in the matter of authorizing the application to and participation in the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program for receipt of grant funds up to \$52,000,000, pursuant to the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act of 2024 to improve behavioral health services in Kern County –
APPROVED; ADOPTED RESOLUTION 2024-028; AUTHORIZED CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN APPLICATION AND PROGRAM DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AS TO FORM BY COUNSEL
Berjis-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

- 6) Report on Kern Medical Center revenue cycle –
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; MESSRS. CANTU AND THYGERSON RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS FROM DIRECTORS ANDERSON, BERJIS, MCLAUGHLIN, POLLARD, AND PELZ; RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

- 7) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Financial Officer report –
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER ANDREW CANTU HEARD; DIRECTOR ANDERSON HEARD REGARDING LENGTH OF STAY; RECEIVED AND FILED
Anderson-Pollard 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

- 8) Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Executive Officer report –
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER SCOTT THYGERSON HEARD; DIRECTOR POLLARD HEARD REGARDING THE KERN ECONOMIC SUMMIT SPOTLIGHT ON KERN MEDICAL CENTER; RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

CA

- 9) Monthly report on What's Happening at Kern Medical Center –
RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

CA

- 10) Claims and Lawsuits Filed as of November 30, 2024 –
RECEIVED AND FILED
Berjis-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

ADJOURNED AS KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNERS;
RECONVENED AS KERN MEDICAL SURGERY CENTER, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS
Pollard-Pelz

- C-11) Kern Medical Surgery Center, LLC, Administrative Report –
RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

- C-12) Proposed credentialing recommendations –
APPROVED
Pelz-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent - Merz

- C-13) Miscellaneous Correspondence as of November 30, 2024 –
RECEIVED AND FILED
Pelz-Pollard: 5 Ayes; 1 Absent – Merz

ADJOURNED AS KERN MEDICAL SURGERY CENTER, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS;
RECONVENED AS KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD OF GOVERNERS
Anderson-Pollard

ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION
Pollard-Berjis

CLOSED SESSION

- 14) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health practitioners (Health and Safety Code Section 101855(j)(2)) – SEE RESULTS BELOW
- 15) 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
- 16) Request for Closed Session regarding peer review of health facilities (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
Pollard-Berjis

REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Item 14 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 POLLARD, SECOND BY DIRECTOR BERJIS; 1 ABSENT - DIRECTOR MERZ), THE BOARD APPROVED ALL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMENDED FOR INITIAL APPOINTMENT AND REAPPOINTMENT; NO OTHER REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN

Item 15 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 16 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 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)) – NOT HEARD

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 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