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Doug Verboon, District 3  
Craig Pedersen, District 4, Chairman  
Richard Fagundes, District 5



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Edward Hill, County Administrative Officer  
Diane Freeman, Interim County Counsel  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board

## **Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting Action Summary**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 16, 2021  
**Time:** 9:00 a.m.  
**Place:** Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center  
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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### **COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into Law AB 361 on September 16, 2021, relating to the convening of public agency meetings via teleconference in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this authority, the Board of Supervisors will convene its public meetings via video and teleconference. Pursuant to AB 361, and as advised by local Health Officials, the Kings County Board of Supervisors, County staff and interested members of the public may attend the meeting in person. The meeting can also be attended telephonically or by the Internet by sending an email to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) on the morning of the meeting for an automated email response with the WebEx meeting information. Members of the public attending via WebEx will have the opportunity to provide public comment during the meeting.

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Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for the Board's consideration or action, and those comments will become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, only the names of who have submitted comments will be read into the record. Written comments received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting will be included in the record, those comments received after 8:30 a.m. will become part of the record of the next meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) or by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230.

- I. 9:00 AM CALL TO ORDER**  
**Supervisor Pedersen opened the meeting in memory of Tony Barba, former Kings County Board of Supervisor for District 4 from 1995-2015 who recently passed away.**  
**ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board**  
**INVOCATION –Pastor Chad Fagundes – Koinonia Church**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**MEMBERS PRESENT: JOE NEVES, DOUG VERBOON, CRAIG PEDERSEN, RICHARD FAGUNDES**  
**MEMBERS ABSENT: RICHARD VALLE**
- II. UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**  
*Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.*  
**Jamie Tham, Kings County Detentions Deputy Association representative expressed her concerns for the mandated vaccination orders and the safety issues due to the loss of employees associated with the mandates and asked the Board to allow employees the choice of getting vaccinated.**



**Nate Ferrier, Kings County Deputy Sheriff's Association representative stated that the Deputy Sheriff's Association completed an anonymous survey with their employees on the vaccine mandates and reported the results and asked the Board to back employees and not enforce the unlawful mandate.**

**Herman Torres, Kings County Probation Officers Association representative asked the Board to not enforce the COVID-19 vaccine mandates and allow County employees the choice as to whether they want to get vaccinated or not.**

**Juan Torres, Kings County Behavioral Health Program Manager stated that Kings County Red Ribbon week was held October 23-31, 2021 and gave an update on the events to the Board.**

**Katie Arnst, Kings County Behavioral Health Deputy Director thanked everyone who collaborated on the Kings County Red Ribbon week and the success of the events.**

**Stephen Curd, District Attorney's Office Deputy District Attorney discussed the implications of the vaccine mandates and the trickle down effect created by the loss of employees due to the mandates.**

**Keith Fagundes, Kings County District Attorney gave an update to the Board on the current hearings and trials his staff is handling.**

**III.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. Report out of Closed Session from the regular meeting for November 9, 2021.**

**Larry Spikes, Interim Deputy County Administrative Officer stated that the Board took no reportable action in closed session on November 9, 2021.**

**B. Approval of the minutes from the November 9, 2021 regular meeting.**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

**IV.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**A. Probation Department:**

1. Consider approving Probation Department's Application for Discharge from Accountability for the collection of delinquent court-ordered criminal fines, fees, penalties, assessments, and electronic monitoring fees.

**B. Sheriff Department:**

1. Consider approving the Agreement with National Autopsy Assay Group Pathology Labs, PC for forensic pathology and autopsy services retroactively effective from November 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. [Agmt 21-149]

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RF, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

**V.**

**REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Administration – Edward Hill**

**Kings County Office of Education – Genevieve Almanzar**

1. Accept the 2021-2022 Final Williams Report, the "State of the Schools" annual report, for Kings County.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (JN, RF, DV, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

**B. District Attorney's Office – Keith Fagundes**

1. Consider authorizing the advance step hire for applicant Madelyn Abourzk for a Deputy District Attorney I Step 5 position at Salary Range 220.5 (\$37.97/hour).

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RF, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**



**C. Human Resources Department – Henie Ring/Liga Myers/Anthony Valdez**

1. a. Consider approving appointments to the County Member, Employee Members, and Alternates to the Personnel Appeals Board for a two-year term ending November 20, 2023; and
- b. Contingent upon the approvals of the above memberships, approve appointments to the Consensus Membership for a two-year term ending November 20, 2023.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, DV, JN, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

2. Consider approving the new job specification for Victim/Witness Advocate III and set the salary at Range 178.0 (\$3,533 - \$4,311/mo).

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, RF, JN, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

**D. Administration – Edward Hill/Matthew Boyett**

1. a. Consider approving the Agreement with James Erb for Director of Finance services; and
- b. Adopt the budget change **(4/5 vote required) [Agmt 21-150]**

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (RF, JN, DV, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

2. Consider appointing three members to the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative Advisory Committee.

**ACTION: APPROVED AS PRESENTED (DV, JN, RF, CP-Aye, RV-Absent)**

**E. Public Health Department – Darcy Pickens/Heather Silva**

1. Receive an update on the local emergency in Kings County due to the imminent and proximate threat of exposure of COVID-19 on the residents of the County of Kings and take action as deemed necessary.

**The Board received an update and no official action was taken.**

**VI.**

**BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS**

*On their own initiative, Board Members may make a brief announcement or a brief report on their own activities. They may ask questions for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Gov. Code Section 54954.2a).*

**Supervisor Verboon stated that he participated in the Hanford Carnegie Museum Veteran’s Day car show.**

**Supervisor Fagundes stated that he attended events around Kings County and was happy to see events coming back for everyone to attend.**

**Supervisor Neves stated that he attended the Behavioral Health Advisory meeting, wrapped up the West Hills College Volleyball game announcing, attended Veteran’s Day events at Hanford Cemetery, Civic Park and announced at the Lemoore Veteran’s Day parade, attended the Cabrillo Club installation, attended the Kings Waste & Recycling Authority meeting and the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative meeting.**

**Supervisor Pedersen stated that he spent the weekend with his grandson and stated that former Supervisor Tony Barba passed away and stated that he served 20 years in the position.**

**Supervisor Pedersen allowed a late unscheduled comment from an audience member.**

**Chris Gutierrez, Kings County Firefighters Union #3747 announced the “KICKS 4 CASA” shoe drive partnership with Kings County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) which is being held until December 10, 2021 and stated that there are drop boxes for new shoes at several locations in Hanford and monetary donations are being accepted in hopes to give a new pair of shoes to all Kings County Foster children.**



- ◆ Board Correspondence: **None**
- ◆ Upcoming Events: **Larry Spikes stated that the Battle of the Badges Blood Drive will be held on November 22, 2021 in the Kings County Government Center parking lot off Lacey Boulevard by the Human Services building starting at 9:00 a.m.**
- ◆ Information on Future Agenda Items: **Larry Spikes stated that the following items would be on a future agenda: Administration has 4 items – Agreement with Armona Community Services District for Utility Arrearages, the first amendment to Memorandum Of Understanding with the City of Hanford for the Annexation of County Islands surrounded by the City, an Agreement with ONESolution and new appointments to the Kings County Independent Solid Waste Hearing Panel, Behavioral Health – Agreement with Monte Nido Lake Vista for residential eating disorder treatment, County Counsel – Resolution to continue teleconferenced Board meetings under AB 361, Community Development Agency – Implementation of Government Code Section 51244(b) resulting in the modification of the California Land conservation “Williamson” Act Program, District Attorney’s Office – Child Advocacy Center Program Grant, Health Department has 2 items – COVID 19 Update and World AIDS Day Proclamation, Human Resources has 2 items – Job specification revision for Child Support Program Manager and Memorandum Of Understanding for Blue Collar, Probation Department– Containment model sex offenders amended agreement, Public Works Department – Joint Use Agreement with Southern California Edison and the California High Speed Rail Authority and Sheriff’s Office – Agreement with Veritone.**

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

- ◆ **Deciding to Initiate Litigation: 2 Cases [Govt. Code Section 54956.9 (d)(4)]**
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**  
*Public Employee Appointment: Public Health Director*
- ◆ **Personnel Matter: [Govt. Code Section 54957]**  
*Public Employee Appointment: County Counsel*

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Fifth Public Hearing – Redistricting will be held Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**  
 The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**IX. 11:00 AM CALIFORNIA PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING**

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

November 16	6:30 PM	Fifth Public Hearing - Redistricting
November 23	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
November 30	--	Regular Meeting Canceled/Board members participating in CSAC Annual Meeting
December 7	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 7	10:00 AM	Sixth Public Hearing – Redistricting
December 14	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
December 21	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

*Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.*