

# MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Meeting Location:  
County of Tulare  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
2800 West Burrel Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93291  
August 22, 2025 9:00 AM**

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### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Director Shuklian at 9:00 AM

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Director Pacheco

### 3. Roll Call

#### Directors Present:

Garry Bredefeld  
Larry Micari  
Nathan Magsig  
Brian Pacheco  
Amy Shuklian  
Pete Vander Poel

#### Directors not in attendance:

Buddy Mendes

### ***Item 5, Approval of Consent Agenda, was conducted before Item 4, Approval of Agenda***

### 5. Approval of Consent Agenda – Item Numbers 19-22 (A)

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*These matters are routine in nature and are usually approved by a single vote. Prior to action by the Board, the Board Members and the public will be given the opportunity to remove any item from the Consent Calendar. Items removed from the Consent Calendar may be heard immediately following approval of this Consent Calendar or set aside until later in the meeting.*

Motion to Approve by Director Magsig; Second by Director Vander Poel;  
Motion Approved Unanimously

#### 4. Approval of Agenda (A)

Motion to Approve by Director Vander Poel; Second by Director Magsig;  
Motion Approved Unanimously

6. Public Comment: At this time, members of the public may comment on any item, within the jurisdiction of the SJVIA, not appearing on the agenda. In order for everyone to be heard, please limit your comments to three minutes or less. Anyone wishing to be placed on the agenda for a specific topic should contact the SJVIA Manager's Office and submit correspondence at least 14 days before the desired date of appearance.

No Public Comments were made

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7. Receive Update from Auditor-Treasurer on Cash Flow Projections (I)  
Presented by Jose Pelagio, County of Fresno
8. Receive Request from Auditor-Treasurer for Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation Transfer (A)  
Presented by Jose Pelagio, County of Fresno with comments made by Rochelle Garcia, County of Fresno  
  
Motion to Approve by Director Magsig; Second by Director Micari; Motion Approved Unanimously
9. Approve and Authorize the President to Execute an Agreement with CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP (CLA) for Independent Auditor Services in Connection with SJVIA's Financial Statements for FY 2024-25 through FY 2026-27, Including Two Optional One-Year Extensions for a Total Amount Not To Exceed \$151,990 (A)  
  
Presented by Jose Pelagio, County of Fresno  
  
Motion to Approve by Director Vander Poel; Second by Director Bredefeld; Motion Approved Unanimously
10. Receive Update on Anthem's Network Contract Negotiations With Stanford (I)  
Presented by Eddie Barfield, Keenan  
  
It was noted on August 21, 2025, Anthem shared with SJVIA Staff that a contract agreement has been reached; therefore, there will be no disruption with provider access

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11. Receive Consultant's Medical, Dental, and Vision Experience Reports through June 2025 with Update on Projected Plan Experience Surplus Accumulation and Projections (I)

Presented by Eddie Barfield, Keenan

12. Receive Consultant's SJVIA Actuarially Certified Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) Reserve Report as of June 30, 2025, and Maintain the Fully-Funded Status of the IBNR Reserve (A)

Presented virtually, via Zoom, by Arthur Ternersesian, Keenan

Motion to Approve By Director Micari; Second By Director Bredefeld;  
Motion Approved Unanimously

13. Receive Keenan Pharmacy Services' Consultant's Report on EmpiRx Pharmacy Utilization (I)

Presented by Michele Porter, Keenan Pharmacy Services

The Board inquired whether a breakdown could be provided regarding the various conditions treated by GLP-1 medications

Board members also noted that, in some cases, prescription costs through services like Amazon Pharmacy or GoodRx are lower than insurance-covered prices, and requested clarification on why this occurs

14. Receive and Approve Plan Year 2026 Dental Marketing Report and Recommendation (A)

Motion to Renew with Delta Dental by Director Micari; Second By Director Vander Poel; Motion Approved Unanimously

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15. Receive and Approve Plan Year 2026 PBM Marketing Report and Recommendation (A)

Presented by Bordan Darm, Keenan

Motion by Director Magsig to:

Form an ad-hoc committee consisting of Director Micari and Director Magsig. The SJVIA Board of Directors empowers this committee to work with Staff to evaluate vendor proposals. If the committee and Staff identify a preferred vendor within two to three weeks, the ad-hoc committee will call a Special Meeting of the SJVIA Board to take action. However, if it becomes apparent that a decision cannot be made within that timeframe, the Board authorizes the ad-hoc committee and Staff to renew with the incumbent vendor for up to six months, allowing additional time to fully review proposals and make a recommendation that best serves the members of the SJVIA.

Second by Director Micari; Motion Approved Unanimously

Public Comment was made by Riley Talford, HBAC representative, County of Fresno

16. Receive Consultant's Plan Year 2026 Underwriting Renewal Report, Approve 2026 Plan Designs, Rates and Fees, Authorize Consultant and SJVIA Staff to Negotiate Agreements and President to Execute Agreements, Subject to Approval of SJVIA Counsel and Staff (A)

Presented by Bordan Darm, Keenan

Public Comment was made by Riley Talford, HBAC representative, County of Fresno

Please note that on page 6 of the Consultant's Report, under the "Renewal Recommendation" section, the chart for the County of Tulare incorrectly lists

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the Delta Dental PPO renewal rate as 6.99%; the correct rate should be 0.00%, as reflected in the final renewal action chart provided below.

Motion to approve the Plan Year 2026 Renewal Recommendation as outlined in the chart below by Director Magsig; Second by Director Bredefeld; Motion Approved Unanimously

### SJVIA: Final Renewal Action - Plan Year 2026

Fresno County	Rate Action	Plan Design Change
Anthem EPO 0 (excludes VSP Vision)	2.86%	The Pre-65 Retiree High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) will be increasing the deductible from \$1,650/\$3,300 to \$2,000/\$4,000 (single/family) so the plan can maintain HSA (Health Savings Account) eligibility
Anthem EPO 500 (excludes VSP Vision)	0.00%	
Anthem EPO 1000 (excludes VSP Vision)	0.00%	
Anthem HDPPO	0.00%	
Anthem HDPPO Retiree	0.00%	
Kaiser	6.24%	
Kaiser HDHP	6.27%	
Dental PPO	0.00%	
Dental HMO	2.49%	
Vision	0.00%	

Tulare County	Rate Action Option3A	Plan Changes
Anthem \$0	17.77%	<b><u>New Plan Implementation</u></b> A new EPO 1250 Deductible Plan will be implemented under the self-funded program with Anthem
Anthem \$500	17.77%	
Anthem \$750	12.00%	
Anthem EPO \$1,250	New Plan	<b><u>Plan Design Change</u></b> The Emergency Room Copay will be increasing from \$100 copay + applicable coinsurance to \$250 copay + applicable coinsurance for each Tulare County self-funded Anthem Plan
Anthem \$2,500	0.45%	
Kaiser	6.25%	
Kaiser HDHP	6.27%	
Kaiser Senior Advantage	7.87%	
Dental PPO	0.00%	
Dental HMO	2.49%	
Vision	0.00%	

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17. SJVIA Director Questions, Announcements, and Activity Reports (Gov. Code, § 54954.2, subd. (a)(2)) (I)

No announcements or activity reports were made.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM

## Consent Agenda

19. Approval of Minutes - Board Meeting of July 18, 2025 (A)
20. Approve Amendment 1 to Agreement With Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc. to Provide COBRA and FMLA Billing Services and Authorize President to Executive Amended Agreement (A)
21. Approve Amendment 1 to Agreement With MyWorkplace, Inc. to Provide Benefits Management and Enrollment SaaS System Management Services and Authorize President to Execute Amended Agreement (A)
22. Receive Update on the Consultant's Report on the SJVIA Stop Loss Historical Rate and Utilization Review and the Marketing and Renewal Process Presented at the July 18, 2025 Board Meeting (I)
23. Approve Amendment 1 to Agreement With Pacific Coast Mobile Radiology, Inc. To Update Compensation and Scope of Services for Providing Mammography Screening Services to Participating Entities of the SJVIA (A)

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