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# THE PENNANT GROUP, INC.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD JUNE 1, 2022

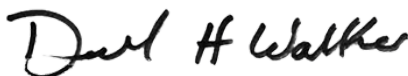
Meeting Information		How to Vote in Advance	
<b>When</b>	Wednesday, June 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. MDT	<b>By Phone</b>	You can vote your shares by calling <b>800-690-6903</b>
<b>Where</b>	<b>Pennant Service Center</b> 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150 Eagle, Idaho 83616	<b>By Internet</b>	You can vote your shares online at <a href="http://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>
<b>Who Can Vote</b>	Only owners of record of the Company's issued and outstanding common stock as of the close of business on April 4, 2022. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote.	<b>By Mail</b>	Complete, sign, date and return your proxy card or voting instruction form in the postage-paid envelope provided
<b>Date of Mailing</b>	We intend to mail a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials on or about April 14, 2022.	<b>IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2022</b>  Pennant's Proxy Statement for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Proxy Statement") and 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "2021 Form 10-K") are available at <a href="http://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a> .	
Your vote is important. Please vote as soon as possible by one of the methods shown above. Be sure to have your proxy card, voting instruction form or notice of Internet availability in hand and follow the instructions above.			

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<b>1</b> Election of two nominees named in the proxy statement to serve on Pennant's Board of Directors	✓ <b>FOR each nominee</b>	<a href="#">8</a>
<b>2</b> Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for 2022.	✓ <b>FOR</b>	<a href="#">19</a>
<b>3</b> Advisory approval of the Company's named executive officer compensation	✓ <b>FOR</b>	<a href="#">31</a>
<b>4</b> Advisory approval of a frequency of one year for the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation	✓ <b>FOR</b>	<a href="#">33</a>

We will also address any other business which may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement. Following the formal meeting, management will speak on our developments of the past year and respond to questions of general interest to stockholders.

In accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have elected to furnish our proxy materials to stockholders by providing access to the materials on the Internet. Accordingly, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Internet Availability Notice) has been mailed to the majority of our stockholders, while other stockholders have instead received paper copies of the documents accessible on the Internet. It is important that your shares be represented and voted whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting in person. If you are the registered holder of your shares and are viewing the proxy statement on the Internet, you may grant your proxy electronically via the Internet by following the instructions on the Internet Availability Notice previously mailed to you and the instructions listed on the Internet site. If you are receiving a paper copy of the proxy statement, you may grant your proxy by completing and mailing the proxy card enclosed with the proxy statement, or you may grant your proxy electronically via the Internet or by telephone by following the instructions on the proxy card. If your shares are held in "street name," which means your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or other nominee, you should review the notice or voting instruction form you receive from that firm to determine whether and how you will be able to provide voting instructions or submit your proxy by telephone or over the Internet. Submitting a proxy over the Internet, by telephone or by mailing a proxy card will ensure your shares are represented at the annual meeting.

THE PENNANT GROUP, INC.  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



DANIEL H WALKER  
CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Eagle, Idaho  
Dated: April 14, 2022

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**Proxy Statement**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the “Board of Directors” or the “Board”) of The Pennant Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation, for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders. When used in this Proxy Statement, the terms “we,” “us,” “our,” or the “Company” refer to The Pennant Group, Inc. and its independent operating subsidiaries. The Pennant Group, Inc. is a holding company and each of its independent operating subsidiaries is operated by its own management, employees and assets. The use of “we,” “us,” “our” and similar words in this Proxy Statement is not meant to imply that any or all of these independent operating subsidiaries are operated by the same entity or that The Pennant Group, Inc. operates any of the businesses conducted by its subsidiaries.

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement and does not contain all of the information that you should consider. You should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting.

<b>Our Annual Meeting</b>			
<b>Date and Time</b>	June 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. MDT	<b>Record Date</b>	April 4, 2022
<b>Place</b>	<b>Pennant Service Center</b> 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150 Eagle, Idaho 83616	<b>Number of Shares Outstanding as of Record Date</b>	28,848,532 shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Common Stock”)
<b>Who Can Vote</b>	Only owners of record of the Company’s issued and outstanding common stock as of the close of business on April 4, 2022. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote. The Common Stock will vote as a single class with respect to all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders at the Annual Meeting.		

Any stockholder who executes and delivers a proxy has the right to revoke it at any time before it is exercised by delivering to the Secretary of the Company an instrument revoking it or a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Subject to revocation, the proxy holders will vote all shares represented by a properly executed proxy received in time for the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions on the proxy. If no instruction is specified with respect to a matter to be acted upon, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the recommendation of the Board of Directors.

The expenses of preparing, assembling, printing and mailing the Internet Availability Notice, this Proxy Statement and the materials used in the solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company. Proxies will be solicited through the Internet and the mail and may be solicited by our officers, directors and employees in person or by telephone, or email. They will not receive additional compensation for this effort. We do not anticipate paying any compensation to any other party for the solicitation of proxies, but may reimburse brokerage firms and others for their reasonable expenses in forwarding solicitation material to beneficial owners. The Company may retain the services of a proxy solicitation firm if, in the Board’s view, it is deemed necessary or advisable.

At the Annual Meeting, the stockholders of the Company will be asked to vote on the four proposals below. **Your vote is very important.** Accordingly, whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting in person, you should complete your proxy card by using one of the methods described in these proxy materials. You may vote your shares at the Annual Meeting by attending and voting in person, by completing your proxy card via the Internet or by telephone as described in these proxy materials, or by having your shares represented at the Annual Meeting by a valid proxy. If your shares are not registered directly in your name (e.g., you hold your shares in a stock brokerage account or through a bank or other holder of record), you may provide voting instructions or submit your proxy by following the instructions detailed in the notice or voting instruction form you receive from your broker or other nominee.

## Voting Choices and Recommendations of the Board

With respect to Proposal 1 (Election of Directors) you will have the choice to vote “FOR,” “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN” with respect to each nominee. With respect to Proposals 2 and 3, you will have the choice to vote “FOR,” “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN.” With respect to Proposal 4, you will have the choice to vote “ONE YEAR,” “TWO YEARS,” “THREE YEARS,” or “ABSTAIN.” The Board recommends stockholders vote as follows:

Proposal	Board Recommendation
1	“FOR” the election of each of the two directors nominated by the Board, each for a three-year term expiring at the 2025 annual meeting of stockholders
2	“FOR” ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP (“Deloitte”) as independent registered public accounting firm for 2022
3	“FOR” advisory approval of our named executive officer compensation
4	“FOR” a frequency of one year for the stockholder advisory vote on named executive officer compensation

## Quorum Requirements

In order to constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at the Annual Meeting, a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the Common Stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting must be represented, either in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting. Under Delaware law, shares represented by proxies that reflect abstentions or broker non-votes will be counted as shares that are present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. A “broker non-vote” occurs when a bank, broker or other holder of record holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because that holder does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

## Vote Required to Approve Proposals

The following table summarizes the votes required for passage of each proposal and the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes.

Proposal	Vote Required for Approval	Effect of Abstentions	Effect of Broker Non-Votes
<b>Proposal 1.</b> Election of director nominees	Majority of votes cast with respect to each director	No effect	No effect
<b>Proposal 2.</b> Approval of Independent Accounting Firm	Majority of shares present and entitled to vote on the matter	Against	Against
<b>Proposal 3.</b> Advisory Vote to Approve Named Executive Officer Compensation (“Say-on-Pay”)	Majority of shares present and entitled to vote on the matter	Against	No Effect
<b>Proposal 4.</b> Advisory Vote on Frequency of “Say-on-Pay” Vote	Majority of shares present and entitled to vote on the matter	Against	No Effect

Unless instructed to the contrary, the shares represented by proxies will be voted **FOR** the election of the Class III director nominees, **FOR** the approval of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company’s independent accounting firm, **FOR** advisory approval of our named executive officer compensation, and **FOR** a frequency of one year for the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation.

## Additional Information Regarding the Internet Availability of Our Proxy Materials

We will furnish proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we sent to the majority of our stockholders an Internet Availability Notice regarding the Internet availability of the proxy materials for this year’s annual meeting. Other stockholders were instead sent paper copies of the proxy materials accessible on the Internet. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a paper copy can be found in the Internet Availability Notice. In addition, stockholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by e-mail on an ongoing basis by going to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) and following the instructions. A stockholder’s election to receive proxy materials by mail or e-mail will remain in effect until the stockholder terminates or changes such election.

**Please note that you cannot vote your shares by filling out and returning the Internet Availability Notice. The Internet Availability Notice does, however, include instructions on how to vote your shares.**

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, you are considered, with respect to those shares, the “stockholder of record.” In that case, either the Internet Availability Notice or the Notice of Annual Meeting, this proxy

statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 have each been sent directly to you.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other holder of record, you are considered the “beneficial owner” of shares held in street name. In such case, either a notice similar to the Internet Availability Notice or the Notice of Annual Meeting, this proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 will be provided (or otherwise made available) to you by your broker, bank or other holder of record who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other holder of record on how to vote your shares by following their instructions for voting.

## Attending the Annual Meeting

Only stockholders as of the record date, or their duly appointed proxies, and invited guests of the Company may attend the Annual Meeting. Admission to the Annual Meeting will begin at approximately 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time. In order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting, you should:

- bring current, government-issued photo identification, such as a driver’s license, and proof of ownership of common stock on the record date. If you are a holder of record, your identity will be checked against a list of registered holders at the Annual Meeting. If you hold your shares in street name, a recent brokerage statement or a letter from your bank, broker, trustee, or other nominee are examples of proof of ownership. If you want to vote your shares held in street name in person, you must obtain a legal proxy in your name from the broker, bank, trustee, or other nominee that holds your shares of common stock;
- leave your camera at home because cameras, transmission, broadcasting, and other recording devices will not be permitted in the meeting room;
- be prepared to comply with any mask and social distancing guidelines and other procedures designed to address public health and safety concerns;
- be prepared to comply with security requirements, which may include, among other security measures, security guards searching all bags and attendees passing through a metal detector; and
- arrive shortly after 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time to ensure that you are seated by the start of the Annual Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Time.

Any holder of a proxy from a stockholder must present a properly executed legal proxy and a copy of the proof of ownership. If you do not provide photo identification and comply with the other procedures outlined above for attending the Annual Meeting in person, you will not be admitted to the Annual Meeting.

## PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF TWO DIRECTORS



**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION OF THE CLASS III DIRECTOR NOMINEES LISTED BELOW.**

On the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of our Board of Directors, our Board of Directors, including its independent directors, selected and approved Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey as nominees for election as Class III directors, the class being elected at the Annual Meeting, each to serve for a term of three years, expiring at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held following the 2024 fiscal year or until his or her successor is duly appointed or elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. We are not aware of any arrangements or understandings between the director nominees and any other person pursuant to which such persons were selected as a director nominee. Each of Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey will qualify as an independent director.

Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey currently serve as members of our Board of Directors and have agreed to serve if elected. In the event the nominees named herein are unable to serve or decline to serve at the time of the Annual Meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy will exercise discretionary authority to vote for substitutes. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them **FOR** the nominees. The proxy cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than two.

Name	Age	Director Since	Board of Directors	Committee Membership			Compensation Committee
				Audit Committee	QAC Committee	NCG Committee	
JoAnne Stringfield	63	2019	✓	✓	Chair		✓
Stephen M. R. Covey	59	2019	✓			✓	✓

Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that the stockholders vote **FOR** each of the Class III director nominees listed above.

Background information regarding the nominees and all other directors as of April 1, 2022, including some of the attributes that led to their selection, appears below. In addition, the Board firmly believes that the experience, attributes, and skills of any single director nominee should not be viewed in isolation, but rather in the context of the experience, attributes, and skills that all director nominees bring to the Board as a whole, each of which contributes to the function of an effective Board.

## BOARD COMPOSITION

### General

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (our "Certificate of Incorporation") provides for a classified board of directors consisting of three classes of directors, with each class serving staggered three-year terms and a nearly equal number of board members in each class, as determined by our Board of Directors. As a result, a portion of our Board of Directors will be elected each year. Our Board of Directors has nominated Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey as Class III directors with a term that would expire at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held following the 2024 fiscal year. Messrs. Daniel H Walker and Christopher R. Christensen and Dr. John G. Nackel have been designated Class I directors, and their term expires at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held following the 2022 fiscal year. Messrs. Scott E. Lamb and Barry M. Smith and Dr. Gregory K. Morris, MD have been designated Class II directors, and their term expires at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held following the 2023 fiscal year.

### Directors and Nominees

The following table and biographical information sets forth certain information about Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey as well as the continuing directors. Such information is current as of April 1, 2022. The information presented below for each director includes the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led us to the conclusion that such director should be nominated to serve on our Board of Directors in light of our business.

Name	Age	Position	Director Since
Daniel H Walker	44	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	2019
Christopher R. Christensen	53	Director	2019
John G. Nackel, Ph.D	70	Director	2019
Stephen M. R. Covey	59	Director	2019
JoAnne Stringfield	63	Director	2019
Scott E. Lamb	59	Director	2019
Barry M. Smith	68	Director	2021
Gregory K. Morris, MD	68	Director	2022

### Nominees for Election to the Board of Directors (Class III Directors)

**Stephen M. R. Covey** has served as the Chief Executive Officer of CoveyLink Worldwide, LLC, since 2004, and is the co-founder of FranklinCovey's Speed of Trust Practice, where he has taught trust and leadership in 55 countries to business, government, and nonprofit organizations. Mr. Covey is the former President and Chief Executive Officer of the Covey Leadership Center, where he grew the company to become one of the largest leadership development firms in the world. He is the former Executive Vice President of the Franklin Covey Co., where he also served as President of the Education & Training business unit. Mr. Covey is The New York Times and Wall Street Journal bestselling author of *The Speed of Trust*, and is co-author of the Amazon bestseller, *Smart Trust*. Mr. Covey received his MBA from Harvard Business School. Mr. Covey serves on the Government Leadership Advisory Council, and he has been recognized with the lifetime Achievement Award for "Top Thought Leaders in Trust" from the advocacy group, Trust Across America/Trust Around the World. We believe that Mr. Covey's extensive experience in both culture and leadership development, as well as his proven track record of educating and helping business leaders achieve their organization goals, supports the conclusion he should serve as one of our directors.

**JoAnne Stringfield** serves as the Chair of the Board of Directors for Blue Cross of Idaho, a not-for-profit mutual health insurance company and Idaho's largest private health insurer with over 500,000 members. Ms. Stringfield has served on the Blue Cross of Idaho board of directors since 2002. From 2008 until 2016, Ms. Stringfield was an operations executive with Marlin Equity Partners, a global investment firm. From 2001 until 2007, Ms. Stringfield was Vice President of Human Resources of Micron Technology, Inc. a global leader in memory and storage solutions. From 1996 until 2001, Ms. Stringfield served as Vice President of Administration and Corporate Secretary of Micron Electronics, Inc., a publicly traded subsidiary of Micron Technology. Ms. Stringfield joined Micron in 1984 and held various finance and administrative positions. Ms. Stringfield worked for Boise Cascade as an internal auditor prior to joining Micron. Ms. Stringfield received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Idaho. We believe that Ms. Stringfield's experience serving on the board of a mutual health insurance company and other business experience supports the conclusion that she should serve as one of our directors.



## Class I Directors

**Daniel H Walker** has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since its formation following the date of the Company's Spin-Off from The Ensign Group, Inc. ("Ensign") in 2019 (the "Spin-Off"). Prior to joining Pennant, Mr. Walker served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Cornerstone Healthcare, Inc., a subsidiary of Ensign ("Cornerstone") since May 2010. As the leader of Cornerstone and the first participant in Ensign's new business venture program, Mr. Walker led the acquisition and operational efforts of all home health and hospice operations at Ensign, which grew from one operation in Boise, Idaho in 2010 to 63 operations across 13 states in 2019 under his leadership. In addition to his role as President of Cornerstone, starting in 2013, Mr. Walker played key leadership and advisory roles within Ensign, including within its new business ventures group. In this role, Mr. Walker supported the development and maturation of other new business ventures, including senior living, mobile diagnostic, clinical laboratory and urgent care. In addition, between 2007 and 2010, Mr. Walker also played a critical role in Ensign's initial public offering, as well as its skilled nursing and senior housing acquisitions, real estate strategy and financing, corporate governance and related initiatives. Prior to joining Ensign, Mr. Walker was with the law firm of Lewis and Roca, LLP in Phoenix, Arizona, where he advised public and private companies on securities issues, mergers and acquisitions, and real estate and corporate transactions. Mr. Walker is a graduate of the J. Rueben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University. We believe that Mr. Walker's extensive knowledge of our operations and industry and his leadership skills support the conclusion that he should serve as one of our directors. Mr. Walker's service as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer creates a critical link between management and the Board of Directors. Mr. Walker is the brother-in-law of Mr. Gochmour, who serves as our Chief Operating Officer.

**Christopher R. Christensen** currently serves as the Executive Chairman of Ensign. Mr. Christensen served as Ensign's President from 1999, and its Chief Executive Officer from April 2006, in each case until May 2019. Mr. Christensen has served as a member of Ensign's board of directors since Ensign's formation in 1999 and has overseen Ensign and its growth since its inception. Prior to the formation of Ensign, Mr. Christensen served as acting Chief Operating Officer of Covenant Care, Inc., a California-based provider of long-term care. In addition, Mr. Christensen served on the board of directors of CareTrust REIT from June 2014 to April 2015. We believe that Mr. Christensen's important role in the history and management of Ensign and our company and his leadership and business skills support the conclusion that he should serve as one of our directors.

**John G. Nackel, Ph.D.** served as a member of the board of directors of Ensign from June 2008 through December 2019. He is currently the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Three-Sixty Advisory Group, LLC ("Three-Sixty") and Founder and General Partner of Wavemaker Three-Sixty Health, LP ("Wavemaker 360") venture fund. Founded in 2007 by Dr. Nackel, Three-Sixty consults with leading health systems, payers, physicians, medical technology companies, and other providers. Founded in 2018, Wavemaker 360 invests in early-stage health care companies in the value-based payment space. Dr. Nackel is a 25-year veteran of Ernst & Young where he advised health care companies in his role as a Global Managing Director of Health Care. Dr. Nackel also served as Chief Executive Officer of Ingenix Consulting (now Optum), a division of United Healthcare. In addition, Dr. Nackel served as a director of Mercury General Corporation (NYSE: MCY) from 2016 until 2018. During his career, Dr. Nackel has also served as a board member or chairman of several privately held start-ups and emerging companies, including Visual Health Solutions, Vitalacy, HealthTask, ConnectedHealth, NetStrike, and Sertan, Inc. He earned his bachelor's degree at Tufts University, master's degrees in public health and industrial engineering at the University of Missouri, and a Ph.D. in industrial engineering (health systems design) at the University of Missouri. He is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. He is a senior member of the Institute of Industrial Engineers. We believe that Dr. Nackel's extensive experience as a consultant and an advisor to healthcare companies, his extensive board and management experience and his valuable leadership and management insights support the conclusion that he should serve as one of our directors.

## Class II Directors

**Scott E. Lamb** served as the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of ICU Medical, Inc. ("ICU Medical") (NASDAQ: ICUI), a publicly traded company that develops, manufactures, and sells medical technologies used in vascular therapy, oncology, and critical care applications, from February 2008 to March 2020. From 2003 to February 2008, Mr. Lamb served as ICU Medical's Controller. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Lamb served as Senior Director of Finance for Vitalcom, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Lamb held various finance and accounting roles at other start-up and manufacturing companies. Mr. Lamb's experience as the Chief Financial Officer of a public company for over a decade supports the conclusion that he should serve as one of our directors.

**Barry M. Smith** served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Magellan Health, Inc., the nation's largest provider of behavioral health services and a leading national provider of radiology benefit management services, specialty pharmacy and prescription benefit management services, from 2013 until 2019. He founded and served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of VistaCare, Inc., a national provider of hospice services, from 1996 to 2002, and he served as Chairman of VistaCare in 2003. From 1990 through 1995, Mr. Smith served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Value Rx, Inc., which was then one of the country's largest pharmacy benefit management companies and, prior to that, served as vice president of operations for PCS Health Systems, also a pharmacy benefit management firm. Mr. Smith has served as a member of the board of directors of Ensign since 2014. We believe Mr. Smith's extensive experience as a

proven and experienced leader in numerous healthcare businesses that are closely related to our businesses and his valuable strategic and other management insights support the conclusion that he should serve as one of our directors.

**Gregory K. Morris, MD** is a partner since 2012 in MorrisHuml LLC—a consultancy that supports Fortune 1000 firms across industry sectors—where his areas of focus include strategy implementation, strategic alignment, prospective risk mitigation and shaping culture through action learning. Prior to MorrisHuml, he was a partner at Morris & Gunter Associates, LLC. From 2002 until 2004, he was senior vice president for strategy and business development for Advocate Health Care, and from 1995 until 2001, he worked at Cap Gemini Ernst & Young as Vice President as well as Senior Partner. His insurance experience includes serving as senior vice president health care delivery and corporate medical director for Blue Cross and Blue Shield National Capital Area, Eastern Region Medical Director for MetLife and Medical Director for CIGNA Healthcare of Georgia. He achieved the rank of Major with the Army National Guard/U.S. Army and was awarded the Bronze Star. Mr. Morris graduated from Morehouse College and received his MD from Emory University School of Medicine. We believe Mr. Morris’s extensive leadership development expertise in healthcare and in other industries, his clinical background and experience practicing in healthcare organizations and his valuable strategic and other management insights support the conclusion that he should serve as one of our directors.

## Board Diversity

Our Board of Directors seeks members from diverse professional backgrounds who combine a strong professional reputation and knowledge of our business and industry with a reputation for integrity. Our Board of Directors does not have a formal policy with respect to diversity and inclusion. Diversity of experience, expertise and viewpoints are some of many factors the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers when recommending director nominees to our Board of Directors. Further, our Board of Directors is committed to actively seeking highly qualified women and individuals from minority groups to include in the pool from which new candidates are selected.

We are committed to diversity in the areas of gender, ethnicity and professional background at all levels of our organization. Currently, of the eight directors on our Board of Directors, one identifies as a woman and one identifies as African American. The table below provides additional diversity information regarding our Board of Directors as of February 20, 2022. Each of the categories listed in the below table has the meaning as it is used in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(f).

Board Diversity Matrix (as of February 20, 2022)				
<b>Board Size:</b>				
Total Number of Directors	8			
<b>Gender Identity:</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Non-Binary</b>	<b>Did Not Disclose Gender</b>
Directors	1	7		
<b>Demographic Background</b>				
African American or Black		1		
Alaskan Native or Native American				
Asian				
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	1	6		
Two or More Races or Ethnicities				
LGBTQ+				
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background				

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

We are committed to continually enhancing our strong corporate governance practices, which we believe helps us sustain our success and build long-term value for our stockholders. Our Board of Directors sets high standards for our employees, officers and directors. Implicit in this philosophy is the importance of sound corporate governance. It is the duty of the Board of Directors to serve as a prudent fiduciary for stockholders and to oversee the management of the Company's business. Our governance structure enables independent, experienced and accomplished directors to provide advice, insight, guidance and oversight to advance the interests of the Company and our stockholders.

### Director Independence

The NASDAQ Stock Market Rules require that a majority of the members of a listed company's board of directors qualify as "independent," as affirmatively determined by our Board of Directors. After review of all of the relevant transactions or relationships between each director (and his or her family members) and us, our senior management and our independent registered public accounting firm, our Board of Directors has affirmatively determined that each of Drs. John G. Nackel and Gregory K. Morris, MD, Ms. JoAnne Stringfield, and Messrs. Scott E. Lamb, Stephen M. R. Covey, and Barry M. Smith satisfy the requirements to serve as an "independent director" as such term is defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the NASDAQ Stock Market Rules. In this Proxy Statement, the aforementioned directors are referred to individually as an "Independent Director" and collectively as the "Independent Directors." The Independent Directors intend to meet at least annually in executive sessions at which only Independent Directors will be present.

Each member of our Board of Directors serving on our Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees is "independent" within the meaning of the applicable NASDAQ Stock Market Rules and, as applicable, the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

### Code of Conduct and Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics and business conduct that applies to all employees, including employees of our subsidiaries, as well as each member of our Board of Directors. The code of ethics and business conduct is available at our website at <https://investor.pennantgroup.com/corporate-governance/governance-overview>. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement and should not be considered part of this document.

We intend to satisfy any disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K regarding an amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of this code of ethics by posting such information on our website, at the address specified above.

### Board Leadership Structure

The Board of Directors does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, as the Board of Directors believes it is in the best interests of the Company to make that determination based on the position and direction of the Company and the membership of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has determined that having the Company's current Chief Executive Officer serve as Chairman is the best use of the Chief Executive Officer's extensive knowledge of the Company and its industry and serves to foster greater communication between the Company's management and the Board of Directors. The Board does not include a lead independent director position at this time.

### Risk Oversight

Our Board of Directors actively oversees the Company's risk and enterprise-wide risk management process in a way that balances managing risks while enhancing the long-term value of the Company for the benefit of the stockholders, focusing on effective risk oversight to set the Company's tone and culture with respect to effective risk management by developing and establishing a mutual understanding with management of the Company's risk philosophy and overall appetite for risk. Our Board of Directors is actively involved with management assessment of existing risk management processes and how management identifies, assesses and manages the Company's most significant risk exposures. Our Board of Directors expects frequent updates from management about the Company's most significant risks so as to enable it to evaluate whether management is responding appropriately and is actively engaged in managing talent and long-term succession planning for executives.

Our Board of Directors relies on each of its four committees (collectively, the "Board Committees") to help oversee the risk management responsibilities relating to the functions performed by the Board Committees. Our Audit Committee periodically discusses with management the Company's major financial, compliance and cybersecurity risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management

policies. Our Compensation Committee helps the Board of Directors identify the Company's exposure to any risks potentially created by our compensation programs and practices. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance and Quality Assurance and Compliance Committees supports the Company's quality assurance programs, oversee risks relating to the Company's policies and assist the Board of Directors and management in promoting an organizational culture that encourages commitment to ethical conduct and a commitment to compliance with the law. Each of these Board Committees is required to make regular reports of its actions and any recommendations to the Board of Directors, including recommendations to assist the Board of Directors with its overall risk oversight function.

Management and directors engage with our stockholders throughout the year in a variety of forums. Our interactions cover a broad range of governance and business topics, including proxy access, board elections, compensation practices, peer group composition and business strategy. Our engagement activities and meaningful exchanges to which we have been exposed provide us with a valuable understanding of our stockholders' perspectives and an opportunity to share views with them. We look forward to maintaining an open line of dialogue with our stockholders.

We encourage you to visit the Corporate Governance area of the "Investor Relations" section of our website (<https://investor.pennantgroup.com/corporate-governance/governance-overview>) where you will find detailed information about our corporate governance practices and policies, including our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter.

## Meeting Attendance

During the year ended December 31, 2021, our Board of Directors met five times. Each member of the Board of Directors attended at least 75 percent of the meetings of our Board of Directors and the meetings of any of our Board Committees on which each member of the Board of Directors served that were held during the term of each such director. In addition, the Board of Directors meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions without management present. Our Board of Directors also acted by way of unanimous written consent during the year ended December 31, 2021.

Although we do not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of our Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders, we encourage our directors to attend. Last year, all of our Directors attended our Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and we anticipate that at least a majority of our Board of Directors will attend the Annual Meeting this year.

## Committees of the Board of Directors

During fiscal year 2021, our Board of Directors had four standing Board Committees: the Compensation Committee, the Audit Committee, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee. The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, makes Board Committee and committee chair assignments annually at its meeting immediately following the annual meeting of stockholders, although further changes to committee assignments are made from time to time as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. Each of the Board Committees operate pursuant to written charters, copies of which are available on our website at <https://investor.pennantgroup.com/corporate-governance/governance-overview>.

The following table identifies the members of the Board's standing committees and the number of meetings held by each committee during 2021.

	Compensation Committee	Audit Committee	NCG Committee	QAC Committee
Daniel H Walker*				✓
Christopher R. Christensen				✓
John G. Nackel, Ph.D	C	✓		
Stephen M. R. Covey	✓		✓	
JoAnne Stringfield	✓	✓		C
Scott E. Lamb		C	✓	
Gregory K. Morris, MD				✓
Barry M. Smith			C	✓
<b>Number of Meetings in 2021</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

\* Chairman of the Board      ✓ Member      C Chairperson

### Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee currently consists of Mr. Scott E. Lamb, Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Dr. John G. Nackel. Mr. Scott E. Lamb serves as Chairperson of the Audit Committee. All members of the Audit Committee meet the independence requirements set forth by the SEC, the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards and the Audit Committee charter. Our Audit Committee held five meetings in 2021. The Audit Committee met four times in executive session without management present and each time the Chairperson of the Audit Committee chaired such executive session. Each member of our Audit Committee is "financially literate" as required by, and in accordance with, the NASDAQ listing requirements. Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Scott E. Lamb qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in the rules and regulations established by the SEC. This designation is a disclosure requirement of the SEC related to Mr. Scott E. Lamb's experience and understanding with respect to certain accounting and auditing matters. The designation does not impose on Mr. Scott E. Lamb any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than those generally imposed as a member of our Audit Committee and our Board of Directors, and such designation as an audit committee financial expert pursuant to this SEC requirement does not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of our Audit Committee or Board of Directors. The primary functions of the Audit Committee include, among other things:

- overseeing our financial reporting process and the integrity of our financial statements and other financial information provided by us to the public or any governmental or regulatory body;
- overseeing the functioning of our internal controls;
- maintaining the procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and for the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- approving of our transactions with related persons pursuant to the Related Person Transaction Policy (as defined herein);
- pre-approving audit and permissible non-audit services to be performed by our independent accountants, if any, and the fees to be paid in connection therewith;
- engaging, replacing and compensating our independent auditors and overseeing our independent auditors' qualifications, independence and performance of the annual independent audit of our financial statements;
- overseeing legal compliance programs and addressing any legal or regulatory matters that may have a material impact on our financial statements; and
- overseeing, updating and implementing the portions of our code of ethics and business conduct that relate to the integrity of our financial reports.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Audit Committee also sets the "tone at the top" and emphasizes the importance of an environment that supports integrity in the financial reporting process, oversees processes for monitoring auditor independence, oversees implementation of new accounting standards and reviews and understands non-GAAP measures, and related company policies and disclosure controls. The responsibilities of our Audit Committee are more fully described in our Audit

Committee Charter, which is available on our website at <https://investor.pennantgroup.com/corporate-governance/governance-overview>. Representatives of our independent registered public accounting firm and our internal financial personnel regularly meet privately with and have unrestricted access to the Audit Committee.

### **Compensation Committee**

Our Compensation Committee currently consists of Dr. John G. Nackel, Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey and Ms. JoAnne Stringfield. Dr. John G. Nackel serves as Chairperson of the Compensation Committee. All members of the Compensation Committee meet the independence requirements set forth by the NASDAQ Stock Market listing standards and the Compensation Committee charter. Each member of the Compensation Committee is a "non-employee director" (within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act) and an "outside director" (within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended). Our Compensation Committee held five meetings in 2021. The Compensation Committee met four times in executive session without management present and each time the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee chaired such executive session. The primary functions of the Compensation Committee include, among other things:

- developing and reviewing policies relating to compensation and benefits;
- determining or recommending to our Board of Directors the cash and non-cash compensation of our executive officers;
- evaluating the performance of our executive officers; and
- administering or making recommendations to our Board of Directors with respect to the administration of our equity-based and other incentive compensation plans.

### **Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee**

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee currently consists of Messrs. Barry M. Smith, Scott E. Lamb and Stephen M. R. Covey. Mr. Barry M. Smith serves as the Chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets the independence requirements set forth in the NASDAQ listing requirements and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held five meetings in 2021. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met once in executive session without management present and during such session the Chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee chaired such executive session. The primary responsibilities of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee include, among other things:

- assisting the Board of Directors in establishing the minimum qualifications for a director nominee, including the qualities and skills that members of our Board of Directors are expected to possess;
- management succession planning;
- selecting, or recommending that our Board of Directors selects, the director nominees for election at the next annual meeting of stockholders, or to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors occurring between annual meetings of stockholders;
- advising the Board of Directors on management of the Company's strategy, initiatives, risks opportunities and reporting on material environmental, social and governance matters;
- identifying and evaluating individuals qualified to become members of our Board of Directors, consistent with criteria approved by our Board of Directors and our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee; and
- developing, recommending to our Board of Directors, and assessing our corporate governance policies.

### **Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee**

Our Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee currently consists of Messrs. Christopher R. Christensen, Daniel H Walker, and Barry M. Smith, Ms. JoAnne Stringfield and Dr. Gregory K. Morris. Ms. JoAnne Stringfield serves as the Chairperson of the Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee. Our Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee held four meetings in 2021. The primary responsibilities of the Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee include, among other things:

- overseeing the promulgation, and the updating from time to time as appropriate, of a written corporate compliance program that includes written policies, procedures and standards of conduct, as well as disciplinary guidelines to assist officers and employees charged with direct enforcement responsibility;
- designating a corporate compliance officer, and functioning as the compliance committee to which such compliance officer reports;
- ensuring that means exist for the delivery of appropriate compliance training and education to the officers and employees of our several subsidiaries;
- establishing lines of communication for escalating compliance and quality control issues to our Quality Assurance and Compliance Committee and our Board of Directors;
- establishing a system for internal monitoring and auditing of compliance and quality control issues; and
- causing our officers to respond, as appropriate, to compliance and quality control issues and to take effective corrective action.

## Director Nomination Process

As indicated above, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees the director nomination process. This committee is responsible for assisting the Board of Directors in establishing minimum qualifications for director nominees, including qualities and skills that members of our Board of Directors are expected to possess. Under our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter, which is available at our website at <https://investor.pennantgroup.com/corporate-governance/governance-overview>, these criteria include the candidate's personal and professional integrity, the candidate's financial literacy or other professional or business experience relevant to an understanding of the Company and its business, the candidate's demonstrated ability to think and act independently and with sound judgment, and the candidate's ability to be effective, in conjunction with other members or nominees of the Board of Directors in collectively serving the long-term interests of the Company and its stockholders. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement and should not be considered part of this document. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies and evaluates individuals qualified to become members of our Board of Directors. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee then recommends that our Board of Directors select the director nominees for the election at the next annual meeting of stockholders, or to fill vacancies on our Board of Directors occurring between annual meetings of the stockholders.

We believe it is important to have an appropriate mix of diversity for the optimal functionality of the Board of Directors. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter requires that the committee consider each candidate's qualities, skills, background, diversity, ability, judgment, skills and experience in the context of the needs and current make-up of the Board of Directors when evaluating director nominees. The Board of Directors believes it is important for each member of the Board of Directors to possess skills and knowledge in the areas of leadership of large, complex organizations; finance; strategic planning; laws and regulations; government relations; and relevant industries, especially the healthcare and home health, hospice and senior living industries. These considerations help ensure that the Board of Directors as a whole has the appropriate mix of diversity, characteristics, skills and experiences for the optimal functioning of the Board of Directors in its oversight of our Company. As part of its periodic self-assessment process, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews and evaluates its performance, including overall composition of the Board of Directors and the criteria that it uses for selecting nominees in light of the specific skills and characteristics necessary for the optimal functioning of the Board of Directors in its oversight of our Company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers all of the criteria described above, including the candidate's diversity, in identifying and selecting nominees and in the future may establish additional minimum criteria for nominees.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider nominees for the Board of Directors who are recommended by stockholders who meet the eligibility requirements for submitting stockholder proposals for inclusion in the Company's next proxy statement. If an eligible stockholder wishes to recommend a nominee, he or she should submit such recommendation in writing to the Chair, Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o Secretary of the Company, Derek J. Bunker, The Pennant Group, Inc., 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, Idaho 83616, by the deadline for stockholder proposals set forth in the Company's last proxy statement, specifying the information required by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter. All such recommendations will be brought to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall evaluate such director nominees in accordance with the same criteria applicable to the evaluation of all director nominees.

### General Nomination Right of All Stockholders

Any stockholder may nominate one or more persons for election as a director at an annual meeting of stockholders if the stockholder complies with the notice, information and consent provisions contained in our Amended and Restated Bylaws (our "Bylaws"). In order for a stockholder's director nomination to be timely, the stockholder must deliver written notice to our secretary not later than the close of business on the 60th day, nor earlier than the 90th day, prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the annual meeting is called for on a date that is not within 30 days of such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder must be so received no earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the 60th day prior to such annual meeting, or not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the date on which public disclosure of the date of the meeting was made by the Company, whichever occurs first. Such notification must contain the written consent of each proposed nominee to serve as a director if so elected and all other information required in Section 3.02 of our Bylaws. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in order to include information with respect to a stockholder nomination in the proxy statement and form of proxy for a stockholder's meeting, stockholders must comply with our Bylaws and the requirements of the Exchange Act, and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The presiding officer of an annual meeting of stockholders shall refuse to acknowledge the nomination of any person not made in compliance with the foregoing procedure.

## Director Compensation

We provide cash and stock compensation to directors for their services as directors or members of Board Committees. We also reimburse our non-employee directors for their reasonable expenses incurred in attending meetings of our Board of Directors and Board Committees.

In fiscal year 2021, each of our non-employee directors received an annual retainer of \$25,000. In addition, each member of the Board Committees received the following annual retainers:

Committees	Chair Retainer	Member Retainer
<b>Audit</b>	\$ 24,000	\$ 12,000
<b>Quality Assurance and Compliance</b>	24,000	12,000
<b>Nominating and Corporate Governance</b>	12,000	7,500
<b>Compensation</b>	18,000	10,000

We do not compensate our non-employee directors other than for their service on our Board of Directors or the Board Committees. Historically, we have compensated our non-employee Board members based upon what we considered to be fair compensation. Compensation for Board of Directors and Board Committee service is partially based upon relevant market data that we obtain by reviewing director compensation by public companies in the home health, hospice, senior living and other related healthcare industries. To establish compensation of the Board of Directors, we have reviewed the published director compensation information of other healthcare services companies, including The Ensign Group, Inc., National Healthcare Corp., Encompass Health Corporation, Amedisys, Inc., LHC Group, Inc., Addus Healthcare Inc., and Brookdale Senior Living Inc. Based on this review process, our Compensation Committee set the amount of annual retainers for non-employee directors and retainers to the chairpersons of each Board Committee at levels that the Compensation Committee believes are comparable to the median cash compensation paid to directors of the foregoing peer group companies.

Our 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan contains an automatic stock grant program for our directors. Each non-employee director receives an automatic grant of 750 shares of restricted stock on the 15th day of the month following each quarter end, which shares vest over a three-year period beginning with the first anniversary of the grant date (the "Automatic Stock Grant Program"). Directors elected to fill less than a three-year term will receive a pro rata stock award.

Unvested restricted stock grants will become fully vested on the date each non-employee director ceases serving on the Board of Directors unless such director is removed for cause. Pursuant to the Automatic Stock Grant Program, Board members receiving stock grants must maintain ownership of a minimum of thirty-three percent (33%) of the cumulative shares granted to him or her. Our Board of Directors and Compensation Committee considered the total compensation paid to directors of the foregoing peer group companies in deciding to grant these automatic stock awards. However, our Board of Directors and Compensation Committee determined the amount of stock awards based on what they considered to be an appropriate incentive for board service to the Company, and they did not attempt to base this number on the amount awarded to directors of the other companies named above. Our Board of Directors has also determined that it may be necessary to provide additional incentives to prospective directors in order to recruit talented leaders to serve on the Board of Directors.

None of our directors or director nominees has any agreement or arrangement with any third party that relates to compensation or other payment in connection with that person's candidacy or service as a director of our company.

The following table sets forth the compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid to our non-employee directors for the year ended December 31, 2021. Our Chief Executive Officer, who currently serves as Chairman, does not receive any additional compensation for such service. Each of the directors included in the table served for the full-year 2021, except for Mr. Barry M. Smith who joined the Board effective April 1, 2021.

Name	Fees Earned (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Term
<b>Christopher R. Christensen</b>	37,000	121,350	15
<b>John G. Nackel, Ph.D</b>	67,000	121,350	18
<b>Stephen M. R. Covey</b>	42,500	121,350	16
<b>JoAnne Stringfield</b>	61,000	121,350	18
<b>Scott E. Lamb</b>	56,500	121,350	17
<b>Roderic W. Lewis<sup>(2)</sup></b>	47,000	121,350	16
<b>Barry M. Smith</b>	36,000	78,195	11

(1) This column reflects the total dollar amount recognized for financial statement reporting purposes with respect to the fair value of the restricted stock awards granted to each of the Directors in accordance with Accounting Standard Codification (ASC) 718, Stock Compensation. Mr. Christopher R. Christensen, Dr. John G. Nackel, Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey, Ms. JoAnne Stringfield, Mr. Scott E. Lamb and Mr. Roderic W. Lewis each received grants of 750 shares of restricted stock in the first month of each quarter for the full-year 2021, and Mr. Barry M. Smith received grants of 750 shares of restricted stock in the first month of each quarter beginning following his appointment to the Board of Directors in April 2021. Compensation expense for stock awards granted to Board of Directors were recognized in full on the date these awards were granted.

(2) Mr. Roderic W. Lewis resigned from the Board of Directors effective December 31, 2021.



## Communications with Directors

Stockholders who would like to send communications to our Board of Directors, any Board Committee or to any individual director may do so by submitting such communications by mail to Derek J. Bunker, c/o The Pennant Group, Inc., 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, Idaho 83616. We suggest, but do not require, that such submissions include the name and contact information of the stockholder making the submission and a description of the matter that is the subject of the communication. Mr. Bunker will then distribute such information to our Board of Directors for review. Communications received by the Company may be reviewed by Mr. Bunker to ensure appropriate and careful review of the matter.

## PROPOSAL 2: APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM



**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS THE COMPANY’S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the independent external audit firm retained to audit the Company’s financial statements. As a matter of good corporate governance, we are asking the stockholders to ratify the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP (“Deloitte”) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2022. Deloitte has served as our auditor since the Spin-Off. The affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding common stock having voting power present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote will be required to ratify the appointment of Deloitte.

Stockholders are not required to ratify the appointment of Deloitte as our independent registered public accounting firm. If stockholders fail to ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee will consider whether or not to retain Deloitte. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders.

Representatives of Deloitte will be present at the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

### Principal Accountant Fees and Services

We engaged Deloitte to provide audit services to us during fiscal year 2021. The following table sets forth the fees for services rendered by Deloitte for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,038,000	\$ 640,000
Audit-Related Fees	—	—
Tax Fees	—	—
All Other Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	2,495	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,040,495</b>	<b>\$ 640,000</b>

(1) Audit Fees consisted of fees incurred for the audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, and for the review of our financial statements included in our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. The audit fees also include services related to the first year audit of the Company’s internal controls that was required for fiscal year 2021 as a result of the loss of our status as an Emerging Growth Company.

(2) This amount represents subscription fees paid to Deloitte for use of an accounting research tool during the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020.

### Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures

Our Audit Committee approved all audit, audit-related, tax and other fees for services performed by our independent registered public accounting firm during 2021. The Audit Committee has adopted an Audit and Non-Audit Services Pre-Approval Policy (the “Audit Pre-Approval Policy”). The Audit Pre-Approval Policy provides for general pre-approval for a specified range of fees for certain categories of routine services to be provided during a given calendar year. This general pre-approval is automatically renewed at the beginning of each calendar year, unless otherwise determined by the Audit Committee. If the cost of any proposed service exceeds the amount for which general pre-approval has been established, specific pre-approval by the Audit Committee is required. Specific pre-approval of services is considered at the regular meetings of the Audit Committee. The Audit Pre-Approval Policy delegates authority to the Chairman of the Audit Committee to grant specific pre-approval between regularly scheduled Audit Committee meetings for audit and audit related services not to exceed \$50,000 and all other services not to exceed \$25,000. The Audit Pre-Approval Policy also establishes a list of prohibited non-audit services. In making all of its pre-approval determinations, the Audit Committee considers, among other things, whether such services are consistent with the rules promulgated by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (the “PCAOB”) and the SEC regarding auditor independence, whether the independent auditor is best positioned to provide the most effective and efficient service, and whether the service might enhance the Company’s ability to manage and control risk or improve audit quality. These and other factors are considered as a whole and no one factor is necessarily determinative.

## Audit Committee Report

Our Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed with our management our audited consolidated financial statements and the establishment and maintenance of internal controls over financial reporting and has discussed with our independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Accounting Oversight Board and the SEC. Our Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from our independent registered public accounting firm required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent accountant's independence. Our Audit Committee has also considered whether the provision of non-audit services provided to us by our independent registered public accounting firm is compatible with maintaining its independence and has discussed with the auditors such auditors' independence.

Based on its review, our Audit Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that the audited financial statements for the Company's year ended December 31, 2021 be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which was filed on February 28, 2022.

Respectfully submitted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors,

**Scott E. Lamb, Chair**

**John G. Nackel**

**JoAnne Stringfield**

Members of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee Report does not constitute soliciting material, and shall not be deemed to be filed or incorporated by reference into any Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates the Audit Committee Report by reference therein.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Below is biographical information for each of our current executive officers as of April 14, 2022, other than Daniel H Walker (whose biographical information is shown under "Directors and Nominees" above). Each executive officer serves at the discretion of the Board of Directors and the Chief Executive Officer.

Name	Age	Position
Brent J. Guerisoli	41	President
Jennifer L. Freeman	53	Chief Financial Officer
John J. Gochnour	39	Chief Operating Officer
Derek J. Bunker	34	Chief Investment Officer, Executive Vice President & Secretary

**Brent J. Guerisoli** was appointed President of the Company effective January 2021. Prior to this role, Mr. Guerisoli served as President of Cornerstone Healthcare, Pennant's home health and hospice segment, helping lead the segment as it grew from 54 to 76 agencies and improved clinically and financially. Since joining the organization in 2012, Mr. Guerisoli has made significant contributions to the financial, clinical and cultural achievements of Cornerstone, and has played a key role in the organization's overall leadership recruiting and training. Throughout his tenure at Pennant, Mr. Guerisoli has helped develop dozens of leaders and directed the organization's growth efforts across several states. Mr. Guerisoli received his Master of Business Administration from the Walter A. Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley, and prior to joining Pennant, Mr. Guerisoli completed the executive training program and later served as a business manager at AT&T.

**Jennifer L. Freeman** is the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, and brings to the position more than 15 years of experience in the healthcare industry and more than 25 years of experience leading financial teams and departments. From 2017 until she joined Pennant, Ms. Freeman was Chief Financial Officer of Northpoint Recovery Holdings, LLC, a regional provider of drug and alcohol addiction treatment services, overseeing all accounting, finance, payor contracting, compliance and revenue cycle management functions. From 2014 to 2017, Ms. Freeman was the Vice President of Finance of MCG Health, LLC, part of the Hearst Health Network, a developer of evidence-based healthcare guidelines and related tools. Prior to 2014, Ms. Freeman held various leadership roles within the healthcare industry, including as the Chief Financial Officer of Molina Healthcare of Washington, a large regional payor in the Pacific Northwest, the Vice President of Finance of Coordinated Care Corporation, a subsidiary of Centene Corporation, and the Chief Financial Officer of Qualis Health, a healthcare consulting organization that assists providers and payors in improved care delivery and patient outcomes. A Certified Public Accountant, Ms. Freeman began her career with PricewaterhouseCoopers in 1990 and has extensive public accounting experience. Ms. Freeman received her B.A. degree from the University of Texas and her Masters of Business Administration from the University of Washington.

**John J. Gochnour** was appointed Chief Operating Officer of The Pennant Group, Inc. upon its formation. Prior to the formation of Pennant, Mr. Gochnour served as Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Cornerstone since January 2013. Mr. Gochnour played a critical role in the acquisition and integration efforts of Cornerstone and Ensign's other new business ventures, by sourcing, negotiating and helping to integrate acquisitions across 12 states and multiple industries. Mr. Gochnour also led the recruiting and development of Cornerstone's professional resource team and founded the Cornerstone Service Center, which provides consulting and management services in the areas of finance, legal, human resources, and information technology to operations across the Cornerstone platform. Prior to joining Cornerstone, Mr. Gochnour was an attorney at the law firm Paul Hastings LLP in Costa Mesa, California, where he litigated complex civil disputes and advised clients related to risk management, general liability, and employment issues. Mr. Gochnour received his law degree from the Duke University School of Law. Mr. Gochnour is the brother-in-law of Mr. Walker, who serves as our Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and President.

**Derek J. Bunker** was appointed Chief Investment Officer, Executive Vice President and Secretary of The Pennant Group, Inc. upon its formation. Mr. Bunker is responsible for overseeing strategic growth, investments, real estate matters, investor relations and various public company matters, as well as assisting the Board of Directors in corporate governance matters in his role as corporate secretary. From 2015 to 2019, Mr. Bunker served as Vice President, Acquisitions and Business Legal Affairs of Ensign Services, Inc., playing a critical role in Ensign's skilled nursing and senior housing acquisitions, real estate strategy and financing, corporate governance and related initiatives. Prior to joining Ensign, Mr. Bunker received his law degree from the University of Virginia and worked as an attorney at Latham & Watkins LLP, focusing on various corporate governance, finance, securities and transactional matters.

# EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis explains the key elements of our executive compensation program and compensation decisions regarding the following named executive officers (NEOs) for 2021:

Name	Position
Daniel H Walker	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman
Brent J. Guerisoli	President
Jennifer L. Freeman	Chief Financial Officer
John J. Gochnour	Chief Operating Officer
Derek J. Bunker	Chief Investment Officer, Executive Vice President and Secretary

The following discussion and analysis provides information regarding our executive compensation objectives and principles, procedures, practices and decisions and is provided to help give perspective to the numbers and narratives that follow in the tables in this section. This discussion will focus on our objectives, principles, practices and decisions with regards to the compensation of the executive officers that participate in our executive officer compensation plan.

Prior to 2022, we operated as an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act enacted in April 2012. As an emerging growth company, we elected to rely on exemptions from the requirements of holding a nonbinding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved. While we did not hold a say-on-pay advisory vote in prior years, we pay careful attention to any feedback we received from our stockholders regarding our executive compensation program. Beginning with this year, we are holding a say-on-pay advisory vote, and expect to hold such vote in future years.

### Compensation Policy and Objectives

We believe that compensation paid to our executive officers should be closely aligned with our performance and the performance of each individual executive officer on both a short-term and a long-term basis, based upon the value each executive officer provides to our company, and designed to assist us in attracting and retaining the best possible executive talent, which we believe is critical to our long-term success. Because we believe that compensation should be structured to ensure that a significant portion of compensation earned by executives will be directly related to factors that directly and indirectly influence stockholder value, the “at risk” compensation of our executive officers generally constitutes a large portion of their total compensation potential. In addition, commensurate with our belief that those of our employees who act like owners should have the opportunity to become owners, many of our executive officers have a significant level of stock ownership, which we believe aligns the incentives of the executive officers with the priorities of our stockholders. To that end, it is the view of our Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee that the total compensation program for executive officers should consist of the following:

- Base salary;
- Annual and other short-term cash bonuses;
- Long-term incentive compensation; and
- Certain other benefits.

The Compensation Committee believes that our executive compensation program has been appropriately designed to provide a level of incentives that do not encourage our NEOs to take unnecessary risks in managing their respective functions. As discussed above, a substantial portion of our NEOs' compensation is performance-based, consistent with our approach to executive compensation. Our annual incentive compensation program is designed to reward annual financial and/or strategic performance in areas considered critical to our short- and long-term success. In addition, we measure performance on a variety of bonus criteria other than our profit to determine an executive's annual incentive compensation award, such as positive survey results, good corporate governance practices, clinical quality standards, positive patient feedback and feedback from other employees regarding such executives' performance. We believe this discourages risk-taking that focuses excessively on short-term profits at the sacrifice of our long-term health. Likewise, our long-term equity incentive awards are directly aligned with long-term stockholder interests through their link to our stock price and multi-year ratable vesting schedules. In combination, the

Compensation Committee believes that the various elements of our executive compensation program sufficiently tie our executives' compensation opportunities to our focus on sustained long-term growth and performance.

The Compensation Committee's charter enables the Compensation Committee to retain or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, legal counsel, or other adviser (a "Compensation Adviser"). The Compensation Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, and oversight of any such Compensation Adviser. In establishing our executive compensation packages, the Compensation Committee may generally review relevant market data of executives of companies in the healthcare services industry based on publicly available information.

The Compensation Committee may select, or receive advice from, a Compensation Adviser only after taking into consideration the following factors: (i) the provision of other services to the Company by the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser; (ii) the amount of fees received from the Company by the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser, as a percentage of the total revenue of the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser; (iii) the policies and procedures of the person that employs the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest; (iv) any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser with a member of the compensation committee; (v) any stock of the Company owned by the compensation consultant, legal counsel or other adviser; and (vi) any business or personal relationship of the compensation consultant, legal counsel, other adviser or the person employing the adviser with an executive officer of the Company.

## Principal Economic Elements of Executive Compensation

**Base Salary.** We believe it is important to pay our executives salaries within a competitive market range in order to attract and retain highly talented executives. Although historically we have not set executive salaries based upon any particular benchmarks, we may from time to time generally review relevant market data to assist us in our compensation decision process. We believe that the base salaries and the total compensation of our executives are on the lower end of base salaries and median total compensation of executives with similar positions at comparable companies. Each of our executive's base salary is generally determined based upon job responsibilities, individual experience and the value the executive provides to our company. The Compensation Committee considered each of these factors in determining the compensation each executive would be paid in 2021. We may elect to change this practice in future years. The decision, if any, to materially increase or decrease an executive's base salary in subsequent years will likely be based upon these same factors and others recommended by a compensation consultant, if any. Our compensation committee makes decisions regarding base salary at the time the executive is hired, and makes decisions regarding any changes to base salary on an annual basis.

**Annual Cash Bonuses.** We establish an executive incentive program each year, pursuant to which certain executives may earn annual bonuses based upon our performance under the criteria set forth in our executive compensation plan. Historically, in the first quarter of each year, our compensation committee identifies the plan's participants for the year and establishes an objective formula by which the amount, if any, of the plan's bonus pool will be determined. The committee also has the discretion to allocate the bonus pool among the individual executives prior to the end of the year and any such early allocation will remain subject to further adjustments upon the final determination of the bonus pool calculations during the first quarter of each year. This formula is based upon adjusted annual income. The bonus pool is also adjusted to include certain clinical and governance performance that can increase or decrease the bonus pool based on the achievement of a pre-established target.

Our compensation committee established the following formula for the 2021 bonus pool:

Adjusted Annual Income ("AAI") in 2021	Bonus Pool
For AAI up to \$12.4 million	\$—
For AAI greater than \$12.4 million, but less than \$12.9 million	AAI between \$12.4 million and \$12.9 million * 5.0%
For AAI greater than \$12.9 million, but less than \$13.4 million	\$0.025 million + (amount of AAI between \$12.9 million and \$13.4 million * 7.5%)
For AAI greater than \$13.4 million, but less than \$14.4 million	\$0.038 million + (amount of AAI between \$13.4 million and \$14.4 million * 10.0%)
For AAI greater than \$14.4 million, but less than \$16.4 million	\$0.100 million + (amount of AAI between \$14.4 million and \$16.4 million * 12.5%)
For AAI greater than \$16.4 million, but less than \$20.4 million	\$0.250 million + (amount of AAI between \$16.4 million and \$20.4 million * 15.0%)
For AAI greater than \$20.4 million	\$0.600 million + (amount of AAI over \$20.4 million * 20.0%)

Based on the performance, the formula above is adjusted for the following: 1) if performance declines by 10% or less from prior year levels, then the lowest target boundary will increase by 10%; 2) if performance declines by more than 10% from

prior year levels, then the lowest target boundary will increase by 20%; and 3) if performance declines by 20% or more, then no incentive will be awarded under the plan. For 2022, the lowest target boundary will increase by 10% from the 2021 thresholds.

Historically, in the first quarter of the subsequent year, our compensation committee subjectively allocates the bonus pool among the individual executives based upon the recommendations of our Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee's perceptions of each participating executive's contribution to our financial, clinical and governance performance during the preceding year, and value to the organization going forward. The financial measure that our Compensation Committee considers is our adjusted annual income before provision for income taxes. The clinical measures that our Compensation Committee considers include our success in achieving positive survey results, hospice composite measure trends, reduced hospitalization, discharge to community rates, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services's five-star home health rating. The governance measure that our compensation committee considers includes succession planning, culture of the organization, strategic organizational development and development of leadership team throughout the organization. Our Compensation Committee also reviews and considers feedback from other employees regarding the executive's performance. Our Compensation Committee exercises discretion in the allocation of the bonus pool among the individual executives. Based on the adjusted predetermined formula, the bonus pool for 2021 was \$625,000, inclusive of a one-time award of \$500,000 recommended by the Compensation Committee in recognition of the significant impact of COVID-19 on the Company's operations, including the estimated lost revenue and additional expenses, and continued improvement in clinical metrics despite staffing, environmental and other operational challenges. Cash incentive performance bonuses for 2021 were allocated to the executive officers who participated in the executive incentive program as follows: Brent Guerisoli, \$300,000, Jennifer Freeman, \$175,000, and Derek Bunker, \$150,000. Daniel Walker elected to allocate 100% of his cash incentive bonus to the other NEOs and employees throughout the organization in recognition of their extraordinary efforts to successfully detect, assess, and effectively respond to the high risks associated with the pandemic and to support the continued improvement in quality clinical outcomes. John Gochnour participated in an incentive program tied to the financial and clinical performance of the Company's home health and hospice segment and was awarded a cash incentive performance bonus for 2021 of \$135,750, and it is anticipated he will participate in a similar incentive program in 2022. The bonus program for the Company's home health and hospice segment is structured the same as the executive bonus pool described above with metrics and targets specific to the that operating segment. Beginning in 2019, we implemented a policy for allocating executive bonus compensation between cash and non-cash compensation, such that if the total executive pool is greater than the then-applicable stated amount, for every dollar greater than the stated amount, half of the incentive will be paid in cash and half will be paid in fully vested restricted stock awards. As the bonus pool was not greater than the stated amount (which was \$5.0 million for 2021), the total executive incentive was paid in cash.

Each year, our compensation committee reviews our financial performance goals and may adjust the bonus pool formula at its discretion to better align the amount available for annual executive bonuses with our objectives. The compensation committee may increase the amount of adjusted annual income that must be achieved in order to create the same bonus pool as the preceding year in order to increase the difficulty of receiving the same bonus. The allocation of this bonus pool to the participating executives remains discretionary based upon the compensation committee's determination of each participating executive's contribution to our annual performance and value to the organization going forward. The 2021 financial performance goals and bonus pool formula have been established by the compensation committee consistent with historical practices. The 2021 plan included specific governance performance goals, which include succession planning, establishing a board/management strategy team, the response to the coronavirus pandemic and developing the Company's strategic direction. In addition, the compensation committee can "clawback" certain performance-based compensation paid to our executives under our executive incentive plan in certain circumstances where there has been a restatement of the Company's financial results or where subsequent events diminish the performance metrics, including clinical results, upon which the prior incentive payments were based.

**Long-Term Incentive Compensation.** We believe that long-term performance is achieved through an ownership culture. Accordingly, we encourage long-term performance by our executives and other key personnel throughout the organization through the use of stock-based awards. We have adopted an equity incentive plan that permits the grant of stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units, performance awards, and other stock-based awards. Historically, we have generally issued stock options and, less frequently, restricted stock under this plan.

In order to preserve the link between the interests of executives and other key personnel and those of stockholders, we generally grant stock options to those executives and others who have performed at a high level and have demonstrated qualities of an ownership culture. Our executives who have significant levels of stock ownership are not permitted to hedge the economic risk of such ownership. We intend to continue to provide long-term awards through the granting of stock based awards. The individuals receiving these awards will be required to hold them for one year from the end of the calendar year for which they are earned.

Except with respect to grants to our directors and other stock grants issued pursuant to the executive incentive plan, the stock options and restricted stock awards that we grant generally vest as to 20% of the shares of common stock underlying the option or restricted stock award on each anniversary of the grant date. If a recipient's employment with us terminates, then the stock options and restricted stock that remain unvested as of the date of the termination of the recipient's employment will be forfeited without compensation. Until vested, the stock options and restricted stock may not be transferred, and vested options and shares shall be subject to our insider trading policy. Stock options generally have a maximum term of ten years. The grant

dates of our stock options and restricted stock awards are generally the date our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee meets to approve such stock option grants or restricted stock awards. Our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee historically has approved stock-based awards at regularly scheduled meetings. Our Board of Directors and Compensation Committee intend to continue this practice of approving the majority of stock-based awards at regularly scheduled meetings on a quarterly basis, unless earlier approval is required for a new-hire inducement or position change grant; regardless of whether or not our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee knows material non-public information on such date. The exercise price of our stock options is the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant as determined by the closing price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market on the date of grant. Prior to the exercise of an option, the holder has no rights as a stockholder with respect to the shares of common stock underlying the option, including voting rights and the right to receive dividends or dividend equivalents. However, the recipients of restricted stock will have the right to vote and to receive any dividends or other distributions paid with respect to their shares of restricted stock, whether vested or unvested.

Mr. Daniel Walker historically has made recommendations to our Compensation Committee and Board of Directors regarding the amount of stock options and other compensation to grant to our other executives based upon his assessment of their performance, and may continue to do so in the future. Our executive officers, however, do not have any role in determining the timing of our stock option grants.

Although we do not have any formal policy for determining the amount of stock-based awards or the timing of our stock-based awards, we have historically granted stock options or restricted stock to high-performing employees (i) in recognition of their individual achievements and contributions to our company, and (ii) in anticipation of their future service and achievements. We may in the future introduce a more formal plan.

**Other Compensation.** Our executives are eligible to receive the same benefits that are available to all employees, including the premiums paid to provide life insurance equal to each executive's annual salary and the premiums to provide accidental death and dismemberment insurance. Our executives also receive allowances for automobiles and third-party tax services.

### **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with our management. Based on such review and discussions with management, the Compensation Committee recommended to our Board that the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement and incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.

Respectfully submitted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors,

**John G. Nackel, Chair**  
**JoAnne Stringfield**  
**Stephen M. R. Covey**

Members of the Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee Report does not constitute soliciting material, and shall not be deemed to be filed or incorporated by reference into any Company filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates the Compensation Committee Report by reference therein.



## Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to compensation for the years ended December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021, or such shorter period as indicated in the footnotes below, earned by, awarded to or paid to our named executive officers.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Daniel H Walker</b> <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>	2021	343,292	—	—	—	5,376	348,668
	2020	329,469	750,000	—	—	2,725	1,082,194
	2019	81,250	197,328	—	17,999,986	—	18,278,564
<b>Jennifer L. Freeman</b> <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>	2021	267,917	175,000	155,733	—	7,798	606,448
	2020	253,438	200,000	735,561	275,600	7,200	1,471,799
	2019	52,083	42,857	115,651	—	1,500	212,091
<b>Brent J. Guerisoli<sup>(4)</sup></b> <i>President</i>	2021	268,092	300,000	186,880	—	4,820	759,792
	2020	228,375	1,356,499	847,063	—	213	2,432,150
	2019	54,751	181,260	367,145	—	1,481	604,637
<b>John J. Gochmour</b> <i>Chief Operating Officer</i>	2021	265,500	135,750	186,880	—	10,775	598,905
	2020	258,506	470,450	443,922	—	10,800	1,183,678
	2019	63,750	110,000	434,925	—	3,000	611,675
<b>Derek J. Bunker</b> <i>Chief Investment Officer, Executive Vice President and Secretary</i>	2021	221,883	150,000	93,439	—	7,612	472,934
	2020	213,451	225,000	324,223	—	7,745	770,419
	2019	52,500	43,750	282,419	—	2,100	380,769

- (1) The annual amounts shown are the amounts of total compensation cost which will be recognized over the five year vesting period related to options to purchase common stock which were granted during the year ended December 31, 2021, as a result of the adoption of ASC 718. These awards are not immediately exercisable and vest over five years. For a discussion of valuation and forfeiture assumptions, see Note 12, *Options and Awards*, in our consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021.
- (2) Mr. Walker's 2019 stock award consists of 1,192,842 restricted stock units in connection with the Spin-Off that will fully vest on the third anniversary of the grant. The restricted stock units were granted on October 1, 2019 with a fair value at the grant date of \$15.09 per share. Mr. Walker was provided this one-time grant by the Board of Directors in recognition of his role as a founder of Cornerstone Healthcare, Inc., our home health and hospice subsidiary, which prior to the Spin-Off was a subsidiary of Ensign.
- (3) 2019 total reflects compensation for the period after the Spin-Off earned from October 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019. Prior to October 1, 2019, the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of Ensign, our former parent company. Prior to the Spin-Off, the cash compensation of our NEOs was determined by Ensign's executive management or its board of directors and the equity compensation of our NEOs was determined by Ensign's compensation committee at the recommendation of Ensign's executive management. Accordingly, the compensation paid to our NEOs for fiscal year 2019 is not necessarily indicative of how we will compensate our named executive officers in future years.
- (4) Mr. Guerisoli was appointed President of the Company effective January 1, 2021. Prior to that date, Mr. Guerisoli served as the President of the Company's home health and hospice segment.

## Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table summarizes grants of plan-based awards made to our NEOs in 2021.

Name	Grant Date	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Options (#)	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards (\$/Sh)	Grant Date Fair Value of Options and Stock Awards (\$)
Daniel H Walker	—	—	—	—
Jennifer L. Freeman	5/25/2021	12,500	31.54	155,733
Brent J. Guerisoli	5/25/2021	15,000	31.54	186,880
John J. Gochmour	5/25/2021	15,000	31.54	186,880
Derek J. Bunker	5/25/2021	7,500	31.54	93,440

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to outstanding equity awards of our NEOs as of December 31, 2021. The market value of the shares in the following table is the fair value of such shares at December 31, 2021.

Name	Grant Date	Option awards					Stock awards	
		Number of Securities underlying unexercised options exercisable (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of securities underlying unexercised options unexercisable (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	Equity incentive plan awards: Number of securities underlying unexercised unearned options (#)	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	Number of shares or units of stock that have not vested (#)	Market value of shares of units of stock that have not vested (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
Daniel H Walker	10/1/19	—	—	—	—	—	1,192,842	27,530,793
	7/30/15	16,973	—	—	8.03	7/30/25	—	—
	5/29/14	6,914	—	—	4.09	5/29/24	—	—
	2/7/14	6,915	—	—	3.36	2/7/24	—	—
Jennifer L. Freeman	5/25/21	—	12,500	—	31.54	5/25/31	—	—
	10/28/20	4,000	16,000	—	38.88	10/28/30	—	—
	8/15/20	800	3,200	—	37.98	8/15/30	—	—
	5/27/20	8,000	32,000	—	27.56	5/27/30	8,000	184,640
	10/28/19	2,800	4,200	—	18.09	10/28/29	—	—
	10/1/19	4,800	7,200	—	15.09	10/1/29	—	—
Brent J. Guerisoli	5/25/21	—	15,000	—	31.54	5/25/31	—	—
	10/28/20	8,000	32,000	—	38.88	10/28/30	—	—
	8/15/20	1,200	4,800	—	37.98	8/15/30	—	—
	5/27/20	4,000	16,000	—	27.56	5/27/30	—	—
	10/1/19	26,000	39,000	—	15.09	10/1/29	—	—
	5/31/18	8,569	5,713	—	6.16	5/31/28	—	—
	5/25/17	9,998	2,499	—	4.54	5/25/27	—	—
	5/26/16	8,926	—	—	3.84	5/26/26	—	—
	5/27/15	2,515	—	—	7.42	5/27/25	—	—
	8/5/14	2,514	—	—	5.31	8/5/24	—	—
John J. Gochnour	5/25/21	—	15,000	—	31.54	5/25/31	—	—
	10/28/20	3,000	12,000	—	38.88	10/28/30	—	—
	8/15/20	1,200	4,800	—	37.98	8/15/30	—	—
	5/27/20	3,000	12,000	—	27.56	5/27/30	—	—
	10/1/19	30,800	46,200	—	15.09	10/1/29	—	—
	5/31/18	10,712	7,141	—	6.16	5/31/28	—	—
	5/25/17	7,141	1,785	—	4.54	5/25/27	—	—
	10/26/16	12,572	—	—	6.10	10/26/26	—	—
	5/26/16	8,926	—	—	3.84	5/26/26	—	—
	5/27/15	6,286	—	—	7.42	5/27/25	—	—
	8/5/14	15,715	—	—	5.31	8/5/24	—	—
	2/7/14	34,568	—	—	3.36	2/7/24	—	—
	Derek J. Bunker	5/25/21	—	7,500	—	31.54	5/25/31	—
10/28/20		2,400	9,600	—	38.88	10/28/30	—	—
8/15/20		800	3,200	—	37.98	8/15/30	—	—
5/27/20		2,000	8,000	—	27.56	5/27/30	—	—
10/1/19		20,000	30,000	—	15.09	10/1/29	—	—
8/23/18		5,657	3,772	—	12.28	8/23/28	720	45,840
2/6/17		10,058	2,514	—	6.45	2/6/27	480	30,560
5/26/16		9,429	—	—	6.23	5/26/26	—	—
2/8/16		6,286	—	—	6.33	2/8/26	—	—

(1) Options granted to employees of the subsidiaries of Pennant generally vest over five years at 20% per year on the anniversary of the grant date. Options expire ten years after the date of grant.

(2) The market value of these shares at December 31, 2021 was \$23.08 per share.

## Employment Agreements

Our NEOs do not have employment agreements.

## Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table provides information for our NEOs about options that were exercised and restricted stock that vested in 2021.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of shares acquired on exercise (#)	Value realized on exercise (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of shares acquired on vesting (#)	Value realized on vesting (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>
Daniel H Walker	—	—	—	—
Jennifer L. Freeman	—	—	2,000	65,740
Brent J. Guerisoli	—	—	—	—
John J. Gochnour	—	—	480	26,349
Derek J. Bunker	—	—	1,200	82,601

(1) The value realized on the exercise of stock options is equal to the number of shares acquired multiplied by the difference between the exercise price and the market price of our common stock. The market price is the closing price of our common stock on the date of exercise.

(2) The value realized on the vesting of restricted stock awards is equal to the number of shares vested multiplied by the market price of our common stock. The market price is the closing price of our common stock on the vesting date.

## Pension Benefits

None of our named executive officers participates in or has account balances in qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans sponsored by us. The Compensation Committee may elect to adopt qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans in the future if it determines that doing so is in our best interests.

## Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation

During fiscal year 2021, the Company implemented non-qualified deferred compensation plan (the "DCP") for executive, other highly compensated employees, independent contractors and non-employee directors which went into effect on June 1, 2021, effective for compensation to be paid in 2022. The independent contractors and non-employee directors are otherwise ineligible for participation in the Company's 401(k) plan. The DCP allows participating employees to defer the receipt of a portion of their base compensation and certain employees up to 80% of their base salary and bonus compensation, or director fees. At the participant's election, payments can be deferred until a specific date at least one year after the year of deferral or until termination of employment and can be paid in a lump sum or in up to ten annual installments. Separate deferral elections can be made for each year, and in limited circumstances, existing payment elections may be changed. The amounts deferred are credited with earnings and losses based upon the actual performance of the deemed investments selected by the participant. The rate of return for each participant varies depending on the specific investment elections made by the participant. Additionally, the plan allows for the employee deferrals to be deposited into a rabbi trust and the funds are generally invested in individual variable life insurance contracts owned by us that are specifically designed to informally fund savings plans of this nature.

In accordance with the plan documents, there were no deferrals of compensation paid during the year end December 31, 2021. As a result there were no contributions, earnings, withdrawals or distributions during fiscal year 2021.

## Change-in-Control and Severance Disclosure

We have not entered into any arrangements providing for payments or benefits in connection with the resignation, severance, retirement or other termination of any of our NEOs, changes in their compensation or a change in control, except that Mr. Daniel H Walker is party to that certain RSU Agreement, by and between the Company and Mr. Walker, dated as of October 1, 2019 (the "RSU Agreement"), the form of which agreement was previously filed with the SEC. The RSU Agreement contains standard non-solicitation and non-competition clauses, which restrict such activity during Mr. Walker's employment with the Company and for 18 months thereafter. The RSU Agreement also provides for the acceleration of vesting of the RSUs granted Mr. Walker under the RSU Agreement in the event of a change of control (as defined in the RSU Agreement) or due to death, disability or for any reason other than cause.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to accelerate the vesting of options and restricted stock, in certain circumstances, subject to the terms of the plans.

## Hedging Transactions

Forms of hedging or monetization transactions, such as zero-cost collars and forward sale contracts, allow a director, officer or employee to lock in much of the value of his or her stock holdings, often in exchange for all or part of the potential for upside appreciation in the stock. These transactions allow the director, officer or employee to continue to own the covered securities, but without the full risks and rewards of ownership. When that occurs, the director, officer or employee may no longer have the same objectives as the Company's other stockholders. Therefore, the Company prohibits all directors, officers or employees that hold the Company's shares from engaging in such transactions, unless such transaction is approved in advance by the General Counsel and Board of Directors of the Company.

## Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Compensation Committee currently consists of Dr. John G. Nackel, Ms. JoAnne Stringfield, and Mr. Stephen M. R. Covey. None of the members of the Compensation Committee at any time has been one of our officers or employees. None of our executive officers currently serves, or during 2021 served, as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers on our Board or Compensation Committee.

## Pay Ratio Disclosure

In accordance with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, we determined the ratio of the annual total 2021 compensation of Mr. Daniel H Walker, our CEO, relative to the annual total 2021 compensation of our median employee. For 2021, the ratio of the total annual compensation of Mr. Walker as reported in the "total" column of the Summary Compensation Table to the median of the annual total compensation of all of our other employees was 13:1. The median of the annual total compensation of our employees other than Mr. Walker, including part-time employees and those who served a partial year, was \$26,362 for 2021. We identified the median employee using our employee population of approximately 5,019 employees as of December 31, 2021, 31.1% of whom are part-time. In accordance with SEC rules for calculating the ratio, we did not make any full-time equivalent adjustments to the compensation of our part-time employees, any annualized adjustments for employees who served the partial year, or any adjustments to Mr. Walker's compensation to reflect amounts actually earned during 2021 or to reflect amounts unearned for 2021 performance.

Since the foregoing pay ratio includes the impact of our part-time employees and those who served a partial year, we believe it is appropriate to provide a supplemental calculation to reflect the pay ratio of Mr. Walker to the median annual total compensation of our employees who served the whole year and were full-time as of December 31, 2021. The ratio of Mr. Walker's total annual compensation as reported in the "total" column of the Summary Compensation Table to the median annual total compensation of only our employees who served the whole year and were full-time as of December 31, 2020 was 7:1 for 2021. The median of the total annual compensation of such employees, other than Mr. Walker, was \$52,917 for 2021. We identified such median employee using our employee population of approximately 2,110 employees who served the whole year and were full-time as of December 31, 2021.

To identify the median employees, we used amounts reported in box 5 of wage statements on Form W-2 issued for compensation earned in 2021 as our consistently applied compensation measure. We then calculated the annual total compensation for the identified median employees in accordance with the requirements of the Summary Compensation Table.

## PROPOSAL 3: ADVISORY VOTE ON NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION



OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE “SAY ON PAY” PROPOSAL

### General Information

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 and Section 14A of the Exchange Act enable our stockholders to vote to approve, on an advisory (non-binding) basis, the compensation paid to our “Named Executive Officers” as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with the SEC’s rules.

### Say on Pay Vote Mechanics

We are asking our stockholders to provide advisory approval of the compensation paid to our NEOs, as described in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” (“CD&A”) section of this Proxy Statement (beginning on page [22](#)) and the compensation tables and narrative disclosures following the CD&A.

### Highlights of our Executive Compensation Program

As described in detail the CD&A, we seek to closely align the interests of our NEOs with the interests of our shareholders. Our compensation programs are designed to reward our NEOs for the achievement of short-term and long-term strategic and operational goals and the achievement of increased total shareholder return, while at the same time avoiding the encouragement of unnecessary or excessive risk-taking. For example:

- We discourage excessive risk-taking by our employees by establishing compensation policies and programs that balance short-term incentives with long-term growth.
- Annual and short-term cash bonuses are based on multiple performance metrics that are consistent with our long-term goals. In particular, annual bonuses are based on the achievement of certain financial performance goals tied to our overall performance and individual performance goals such as positive survey results, high clinical quality standards, governance, compliance requirements, positive patient feedback and feedback from other employees. We believe that this balanced approach discourages risk-taking that focuses excessively on short-term profits at the sacrifice of our long-term health.
- Management or the Compensation Committee, as applicable, generally has discretion to adjust the annual incentive compensation of our field and service center leaders upward or downward for quality of performance and other factors other than our financial performance. The Compensation Committee can award bonuses that are less than the bonus amount resulting from the predetermined formula it establishes as a result of not achieving our goals regarding clinical performance, governance, compliance and other strategic objectives, and allocate such award bonuses to other members of management or withhold such amounts altogether.
- Our long-term equity incentive awards are designed to directly align the interests of our employees with long-term shareholder interests. We encourage long-term performance by our executives and employees at every level in the organization through the use of stock-based awards with multi-year vesting schedules. We believe that long-term performance is achieved through an ownership culture and that equity incentive awards reward performance without incentivizing inappropriate risk-taking. Above a pre-established bonus target, we allocate executive bonus compensation between cash and non-cash compensation. Under this policy, if the total executive pool is greater than the then-applicable stated amount, for every dollar greater than the stated amount, 50% of the incentive will be paid in cash and 50% will be paid in fully vested restricted stock awards.
- Our Compensation Committee has adopted a “clawback” policy that allows our Board to recover performance-based compensation paid to our executives and the presidents of our subsidiaries in certain circumstances where there has been a restatement of our financial results or where subsequent events diminish the performance metrics, including clinical results, upon which the prior incentive payments were based.
- Our Compensation Committee adopted specific governance performance goals, which include succession-planning and establishing a team made up of members of the Board and management with the goal of creating a strategy for the Board that emulates the culture of the organization.

- Our Compensation Committee oversees our compensation policies and practices and is responsible for reviewing and approving compensation of our executive officers.

Consistent with these goals, and as further discussed in the CD&A, we believe the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors has designed an executive compensation program that: (i) rewards pay for performance, (ii) is competitive and reasonable as compared to compensation programs adopted by similarly-sized public companies in the industry and based on a review of broader public company and industry survey data and (iii) is cost-effective with limited perquisites and other personal benefits.

The vote is advisory, which means that the vote is not binding on the Company, our Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee. Our Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee value the opinions of our stockholders and will take into account the outcome of this vote in considering future compensation arrangements. Since we were an "emerging growth company" since our Spin-Off and during 2021, this is the first year we are conducting this advisory vote, commonly known as a "say-on-pay" vote, which we plan to hold every year.

Accordingly, we ask our shareholders to vote on the following resolution at the Annual Meeting:

**"RESOLVED, that the Company's shareholders approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Named Executive Officers, as disclosed in the Company's Proxy Statement for the 2022 Annual Meeting of Shareholders pursuant to the compensation disclosure rules of the SEC, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the 2021 Summary Compensation Table and the other related tables and disclosure."**

## PROPOSAL 4: ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION VOTES



**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” A FREQUENCY OF ONE YEAR FOR THE STOCKHOLDER ADVISORY VOTE ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.**

### General Information

Section 14A of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 14a-21 require us, at least every sixth calendar year, to hold a non-binding stockholder advisory vote at our annual meeting on how frequently we should seek non-binding advisory votes in the future on the compensation paid to our NEOs as disclosed in our proxy statement in accordance with applicable SEC rules. This is commonly known as a say-on-frequency advisory vote.

The Company and the Board believe that an annual advisory vote on the compensation paid to our NEOs is appropriate. This will allow our stockholders to provide timely and direct input on the Company’s compensation philosophy, policies, and practices described in our proxy statement each year. Following the Annual Meeting, we expect to hold our next say-on-frequency advisory vote at our annual meeting of stockholders in 2028.

Stockholders are requested to vote on the following resolution at the Annual Meeting and indicate a frequency of one year, two years, or three years for the non-binding stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation:

**“RESOLVED, that the Company’s stockholders approve, on an advisory basis, a frequency of one year, two years, or three years-as so indicated by their votes on this Resolution-for the non-binding stockholder advisory vote on the compensation of the Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the Company’s proxy statement in accordance with applicable SEC rules.”**

The say-on-frequency vote is advisory and, therefore, not binding on the Company, the Compensation Committee, or the Board. The Board and the Compensation Committee, however, greatly value the opinions of our stockholders and will consider the outcome of the say-on-frequency vote when determining how frequently we should seek non-binding stockholder advisory votes in the future on the compensation paid to our NEOs as disclosed in our proxy statement in accordance with applicable SEC rules.

***The Board recommends that stockholders vote FOR a frequency of one year for the stockholder advisory vote on executive compensation.***



## STOCK OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

### Stock Ownership Table

The following table sets forth information known to us with respect to beneficial ownership of our common stock as of March 31, 2022 for (i) each director and nominee, (ii) each holder of 5.0% or greater of our common stock, (iii) our Named Executive Officers, and (iv) all executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC. Shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days following March 31, 2022 are deemed to be outstanding and beneficially owned by the optionee for the purpose of computing share and percentage ownership of that optionee, but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. The percentage of shares beneficially owned is based on 28,848,532 shares of common stock outstanding as of March 31, 2022. Except as affected by applicable community property laws, all persons listed have sole voting and investment power for all shares shown as beneficially owned by them.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Shares	Percentage
<b>Named Executive Officers And Directors</b>		
Daniel H Walker <sup>(2)</sup>	1,648,910	5.7 %
John J. Gochnour <sup>(3)</sup>	178,025	*
Jennifer L. Freeman <sup>(4)</sup>	47,420	*
Derek J. Bunker <sup>(5)</sup>	94,563	*
Brent J. Guerisoli <sup>(6)</sup>	118,091	*
Christopher R. Christensen <sup>(7)</sup>	710,939	2.5 %
John G. Nackel <sup>(8)</sup>	115,548	*
Stephen M. R. Covey <sup>(9)</sup>	10,833	*
JoAnne Stringfield <sup>(10)</sup>	10,168	*
Scott E. Lamb <sup>(11)</sup>	22,218	*
Barry M. Smith <sup>(12)</sup>	6,949	*
Gregory K. Morris, MD <sup>(12)</sup>	750	*
<b>All Executives Officers and Directors as a Group (12 persons)</b>	<b>2,964,414</b>	<b>10.3 %</b>
<b>5% Stockholders</b>		
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(13)</sup>	4,142,505	14.4 %
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. <sup>(14)</sup>	4,069,175	14.1 %
Wasatch Advisors, Inc. <sup>(15)</sup>	4,013,694	13.9 %
The Vanguard Group <sup>(16)</sup>	2,935,463	10.2 %

\* Means less than 1%.

(1) The addresses of all of the officers and directors listed are in the care of The Pennant Group, Inc., 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, ID 83616

(2) Represents 424,417 shares of common stock held by Amoeba Investments, LLC, of which Mr. Walker is the sole member, and 1,193,691 shares of common stock held by Mr. Walker, of which 1,192,842 are restricted stock units granted in connection with the Spin-Off on October 1, 2019 that will fully vest on the third anniversary of the grant. Mr. Walker also owns stock options to purchase 30,802 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022. The shares of common stock held by Amoeba Investments, LLC were converted to Pennant shares in connection with the Spin-Off. For additional discussion about the treatment of equity awards during the Spin-Off, see "Compensatory Arrangements for Certain Executive Officers" in the information statement filed with the SEC as an exhibit to our registration statement on Form 10.

(3) Represents 32,750 shares of common stock and options to purchase 145,275 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.

(4) Represents 16,520 shares of common stock and options to purchase 30,900 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.

(5) Represents 31,919 shares of common stock and options to purchase 62,644 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.

(6) Represents 34,013 shares of common stock and options to purchase 84,078 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.

- (7) Represents 154,473 shares of common stock held directly by Mr. Christensen, 420,862 shares are held by Hobbie Creek Investments, LLC, of which Mr. Christensen is the sole member, 126,100 shares are directly owned by The Christopher R. Christensen 2020 Irrevocable Trust and indirectly by Mr. Christensen's spouse, as trustee of the trust, 2,171 shares are held directly by Mr. Christensen's spouse, and 2,000 shares are held by Mr. Christensen's former spouse as custodian for their minor children under the California Uniform Transfers to Minors Act. Mr. Christensen's former spouse holds voting and investment power over the shares held for their children. Also includes options to purchase 5,333 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.
- (8) Includes 2,700 shares held by the Nackel Family Trust dated June 30, 1997, and 49,902 shares of common stock held by Dr. Nackel directly. Dr. Nackel and his spouse share voting and investment power over the trust. Also includes options to purchase 62,946 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.
- (9) Represents 7,500 shares of common stock and options to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.
- (10) Represents 6,835 shares of common stock and options to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.
- (11) Represents 18,885 shares of common stock and options to purchase 3,333 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2022.
- (12) Represents shares of common stock owned directly.
- (13) Information regarding Blackrock Inc. ("Blackrock") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 27, 2022 by Blackrock. Blackrock reported that it has sole voting power with respect to 4,095,065 shares of common stock and sole dispositive power with respect to 4,142,505 shares of common stock. The address of the principal business office of Blackrock is 55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10055.
- (14) Information regarding T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("T. Rowe") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 14, 2022 by T. Rowe. T. Rowe reported that it has sole voting power with respect to 1,195,168 shares of common stock and sole dispositive power with respect to 4,069,175 shares of common stock. The address of the principal business office of T. Rowe is 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.
- (15) Information regarding Wasatch Advisors, Inc. ("Wasatch") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February, 11 2022 by Wasatch. Wasatch reported that it has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to 4,013,694 shares of common stock. The address of the principal business office of Wasatch is 505 Wakara Way, Salt Lake City, UT 84108.
- (16) Information regarding The Vanguard Group, Inc. ("Vanguard") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2022 by Vanguard. Vanguard reported that it has shared voting power with respect to 48,187 shares of common stock, sole dispositive power with respect to 2,865,106 shares of common stock and shared dispositive power with respect to 70,357 shares of common stock. The address of the principal business office of Vanguard is 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355.

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides certain information as of December 31, 2021 with respect to our equity compensation plans (after giving effect to shares issued and/or vesting on such date).

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights	Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities Reflected in the First Column) <sup>(1)</sup>
Conversion of Ensign awards at the Spin-Off <sup>(2)</sup>	542,680	\$ 6.02	—
The Pennant Group Inc 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan	1,699,233	\$ 26.28	2,024,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,241,913</b>		<b>2,024,775</b>

(1) Represents the number of shares that remained available for issuance under The Pennant Group Inc 2019 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2019 Plan") as of December 31, 2021. As of April 4, 2022, 1,838,625 shares remained available for issuance under the 2019 Plan.

(2) Prior to the Spin-Off, employees of the Company's subsidiaries participated in Ensign's equity-based incentive plans (the "Ensign Plans") and the Cornerstone Subsidiary Equity plan (the "Subsidiary Equity Plan"). Outstanding options held by employees of the Company under the Ensign Plans and outstanding options and restricted stock awards under the Subsidiary Equity Plan were modified and replaced with Pennant awards at the Spin-Off date.

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Since January 1, 2021, there has not been, nor is there any proposed transaction in which we were or will be a party or in which we were or will be a participant, involving an amount that exceeded or will exceed \$120,000 and in which any director, executive officer, beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities, or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons had or will have a direct or indirect material interest, other than the compensation arrangements and other agreements and transactions which are described in "Executive Compensation" and "Director Compensation" sections and the transactions described below.

### Relationship between Ensign and Pennant

To govern our relationship after the Spin-Off, Ensign and Pennant entered into a Master Separation Agreement, a Transition Services Agreement, a Tax Matters Agreement, an Employee Matters Agreement and certain real estate agreements. For further details of the transactions with Ensign please refer to Note 3, *Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies*, to the Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which was filed on February 28, 2022. Transactions pursuant to these agreements are pre-approved under our Related Person Transaction Policy.

### Family Relationships

Mr. John J. Gochmour is the brother-in-law of Mr. Daniel H Walker. Mr. Gochmour has served as our Chief Operating Officer since October 1, 2019. See "Executive Officers" and "Executive Compensation" for further information regarding Mr. Gochmour.

Dr. Derrel V. Walker is the brother of Mr. Daniel H Walker. Dr. Walker serves as a Medical Director for our home health and hospice agency based in Boise, Idaho, and for Finding Home Medical Services, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Pennant that offers comprehensive mobile medical services to patients across the continuum of care settings. During the year ended December 31, 2021, Dr. Walker earned total compensation of \$275,000.

### Indemnification Provisions

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. These indemnification agreements, along with our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, require us to indemnify such persons to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law.

### Policies and Procedures for Transactions with Related Persons

Our Audit Committee does and will continue to review potential conflict of interest situations and any future proposed transaction or series of transactions with related persons on an ongoing basis, and either approve or disapprove each reviewed transaction or series of related transactions with related persons. On August 27, 2019, we adopted a written policy and set of procedures with respect to related person transactions (the "Related Person Transaction Policy"), which includes specific provisions for the approval of related person transactions. Pursuant to the Related Person Transaction Policy, a "related person transaction" is defined as a transaction, arrangement or relationship or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, in which we and certain enumerated related persons participate, the amount involved exceeds \$120,000 and the related person has a direct or indirect material interest therein. Related person transactions include any existing or currently proposed transaction or series of similar transactions for which disclosure under Item 404(a) of SEC Regulation S-K is mandated. The term "related person" under SEC rules means, at the applicable time, (a) any director or executive officer of the Company, (b) any nominee to the Board of Directors, (c) any beneficial owner of more than 5% of Pennant stock, and (d) any immediate family member (as defined by SEC rules) of any of those directors, executive officers, nominees, or beneficial owners. An indirect material interest can arise from a related person's position or relationship with a firm, corporation, or other entity that engages in a transaction with the Company).

In the event that a related person transaction is identified, such transaction must be reviewed and approved or ratified by our Audit Committee. If it is impracticable for our Audit Committee to review such transaction, pursuant to the policy, the transaction will be reviewed by the chair of our Audit Committee, whereupon the chair of our Audit Committee will report to the Audit Committee the approval or disapproval of such transaction.

In reviewing and approving related person transactions pursuant to the Related Person Transaction Policy, the Audit Committee, or its chair, shall consider all information that the Audit Committee, or its chair, believes to be relevant and important to a review of the transaction and shall approve only those related person transactions that are determined to be in, or not inconsistent with, our best interests and that of our stockholders, taking into account all available relevant facts and

circumstances available to the Audit Committee or its chair. Pursuant to the Related Person Transaction Policy, these facts and circumstances will typically include, but not be limited to: the benefits of the transaction to us; the impact on a director's independence in the event the related person is a director, an immediate family member of a director or an entity in which a director is a partner, stockholder or executive officer; the availability of other sources for comparable products or services; the terms of the transaction; and the terms of comparable transactions that would be available to unrelated third parties or to employees generally. Pursuant to the Related Person Transaction Policy, no member of the Audit Committee shall participate in any review, consideration or approval of any related person transaction with respect to which the member or any of his or her immediate family members is the related person.

In accordance with the Related Person Transaction Policy, the Audit Committee has reviewed and approved the compensation payable to Mr. Gochnour and Dr. Walker. For additional information see "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions – Family Relationships" above.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Future Stockholder Proposals

Stockholders may present proposals for action at a future meeting only if they comply with the requirements of the proxy rules established by the SEC and our Bylaws. Stockholder proposals that are intended to be presented at our Annual Meeting and included in the proxy statement, form of proxy and other proxy solicitation materials related to that meeting must, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, be received by us no later than December 15, 2022, which is 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary date of the mailing of this Proxy Statement. Stockholders are also advised to review our Bylaws, which contain additional advance notice requirements, including requirements with respect to advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations. Under our Bylaws, the deadline for submitting a stockholder proposal or a nomination for director is not later than the close of business on the 60th day, nor earlier than the 90th day, prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting; provided, however, that in the event that no annual meeting was held in the previous year or the annual meeting is called for a date that is not within 30 days before or after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so received no earlier than the close of business on the 90th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the 60th day prior to such annual meeting, or not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the date on which we publicly disclose the date of the meeting, whichever occurs first. In other words, for a stockholder proposal or a nomination for director to be considered at the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders, it should be properly submitted no earlier than March 3, 2023, and no later than April 2, 2023. In addition to satisfying the requirements under our Bylaws with respect to advance notice of any director nomination, any stockholder who intends to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company's nominees in accordance with Rule 14a-19 for the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders must provide the required notice of intent to solicit proxies to the Corporate Secretary at the address above no later April 3, 2023.

Stockholder proposals must be in writing and should be addressed to our Secretary, at our principal executive offices at 1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, Idaho 83616. It is recommended that stockholders submitting proposals direct them to our Secretary and utilize certified mail, return receipt requested in order to provide proof of timely receipt. The Chairman of the Annual Meeting reserves the right to reject, rule out of order, or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these and other applicable requirements, including conditions set forth in our Bylaws and conditions established by the SEC.

### Other Matters

We do not know of any business, other than as described in this Proxy Statement that should be considered at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters should properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying form of proxy to vote the proxies held by them in accordance with their best judgment.

To assure the presence of the necessary quorum and to vote on the matters to come before the Annual Meeting, please indicate your choices on the enclosed proxy and date, sign, and return it promptly in the envelope provided. The signing of a proxy by no means prevents you from attending and voting at the Annual Meeting.

### Available Information

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act, and, in accordance therewith, file reports and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains our reports, proxies and information statements that we have filed electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. The information contained on our website, other than this proxy statement, is not considered proxy solicitation material and is not incorporated by reference herein.

**A COPY OF OUR ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021 (INCLUDING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SCHEDULES THERETO), WHICH WE FILED WITH THE SEC ON FEBRUARY 28, 2022, WILL BE PROVIDED WITHOUT CHARGE TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM THIS PROXY STATEMENT IS MAILED UPON THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF ANY SUCH PERSON TO MR. DEREK J. BUNKER, SECRETARY, THE PENNANT GROUP, INC., 1675 E. RIVERSIDE DRIVE, SUITE 150, EAGLE, IDAHO 83616. THE SHARE OWNERSHIP OF THE STOCKHOLDER SUBMITTING THE STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL MAY BE OBTAINED BY USING THE CONTACT INFORMATION ABOVE.**

### Stockholders Sharing the Same Address

We have adopted a procedure called "householding," which has been approved by the SEC. Under this procedure, we will deliver only one copy of our Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, and for those stockholders that received a paper copy of proxy materials in the mail, one copy of our fiscal 2021 Annual Report on Form 10-K to stockholders and this proxy statement, to multiple stockholders who share the same address (if they appear to be members of the same family) unless we have received contrary instructions from an affected stockholder. Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards if they received a paper copy of proxy materials in the mail. This procedure reduces our printing

costs, mailing costs and fees, and also supports our environmental goals. If you are a stockholder, share an address and last name with one or more other stockholders and would like to revoke your householding consent or you are a stockholder eligible for householding and would like to participate in householding, please contact Broadridge, either by calling toll free at (866) 540-7095 or by writing to Broadridge, Household Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717. You will be removed from the householding program within 30 days of receipt of the revocation of your consent. A number of brokerage firms have instituted householding. If you hold your shares in "street name," please contact your bank, broker or other holder of record to request information about householding.

**PROXY**

**THE PENNANT GROUP, INC.**

**1675 E. Riverside Drive, Suite 150, Eagle, Idaho 83616**

**ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS**

**(This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors)**

The undersigned hereby appoints Jennifer L. Freeman and Derek J. Bunker, or either of them, as Proxies, each with the power to appoint her or his substitute, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated below, all the shares of common stock of The Pennant Group, Inc. ("Pennant"), held of record by the undersigned on April 4, 2022 at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held at 9:00 a.m., Mountain Time on Tuesday, June 1, 2022, at the Pennant Service Center, 1675 E. Riverside Dr., Suite 150, Eagle, Idaho 83616, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. Directions to the facility in order to attend the Annual Meeting may be obtained by calling (208) 506-6100. The undersigned also acknowledges receipt of the Notice of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the proxy statement and the annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 which were furnished with this proxy.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 1, 2022:**

**THE PROXY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT TO SECURITY HOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE AT**

**HTTP://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM**

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. **If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR the Class III director nominees listed in Proposal 1, FOR Proposal 2 and Proposal 3, and for ONE YEAR in Proposal 4.**

PROPOSAL	YOUR VOTE			BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS ↓
	FOR	AGAINST	ABSTAIN	
1 Election of Directors JoAnne Stringfield Stephen M. R. Covey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR FOR
2 Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for fiscal year 2022.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR
3 Advisory approval of the Company's named executive officer compensation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	FOR
4 Advisory resolution on frequency of vote on executive compensation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	ONE YEAR

**NOTE:** In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote upon all other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof, provided that discretionary voting on such other matters is permitted by applicable rules and regulations.

MARK HERE FOR ADDRESS CHANGE AND INDICATE NEW ADDRESS

MARK HERE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING

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Signature

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Date

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Signature

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Date

**NOTE: This proxy must be signed exactly as your name appears hereon. Executors, administrators, trustees, etc., should give full title as such. If the stockholder is a corporation, a duly authorized officer should sign on behalf of the corporation and should indicate his or her title.**

PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD PROMPTLY

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