

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting October 24, 2018

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, October 24, 2018, in Room 139 in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:02 a.m. The presiding officer was Ms. Laura D. Jackson, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Members Present:

Voting

Ms. Laura Jackson
Mr. Mike Chaney (*Represented by Mr. Mark Haire*)
Mr. Mark Formby
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Andrea Mayfield (*via telephone*)
Dr. Alfred Rankins

Non-Voting

The Honorable Videt Carmichael – Chairman,
Senate Insurance Committee
The Honorable John Read – Chairman,
House Appropriations Committee

Members Absent:

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Larry Fortenberry
Dr. Carey Wright

The Honorable Gary Chism – Chairman,
House Insurance Committee
The Honorable Eugene Clarke – Chairman,
Senate Appropriations Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Richard Self
Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Ms. Amanda Murphy
Ms. Terri Ashley
Ms. Julia Bryan
Ms. Latasha Holmes
Mr. Chris Shaman

Attorney General's Office Staff Present:

Ms. Romaine Richards, Esquire

Call to Order

The meeting was chaired and called to order by Ms. Laura D. Jackson, Chairman of the Board.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the September 26, 2018 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

The minutes of the Board's standing monthly meeting of September 26, 2018 were provided to all Board members for their review prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly Hardwick for the Board to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Haire (designee for member Chaney), Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: HIPAA Exemption Election

Chairman Jackson recognized Mr. Richard Self, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance, who advised that staff recommends that the Board continue to elect exemption of the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan from certain federal regulations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). Mr. Self explained that although the Board has consistently elected to generally comply with the intent of the HIPAA requirements voluntarily, it has nonetheless voted annually to exempt the Plan from regulation under these provisions for the past twenty years. He advised that should the Board elect to continue this exemption for 2019, notification of this election would be filed with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, and likewise provided to participants as a part of the *Plan Document*. Mr. Hardwick moved to approve the exemption election. The motion was seconded by Mr. Formby. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Haire, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Financial Statements

Chairman Jackson recognized Ms. Latasha Holmes, Director of Budget and Accounting with the Office of Insurance, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of September 2018. Copies of the financial statements were provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. No action was required or taken by the Board on this item.

Agenda Item 4: General Schedule

Chairman Jackson recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months.

Agenda Item 6: Old Business

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

Agenda Item 7: New Business

There was no new business for the Board to consider.

Adjournment

Chairman Jackson announced that in order to avoid any conflicts with the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays, the next meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., November 28, 2018, in Room 139, of the Woolfolk Building. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher J. Burkhalter", is written over a horizontal line.

Christopher J. Burkhalter
Vice-Chairman
State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board