

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Minutes of the Standing Monthly Meeting July 24, 2019

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, in Room 139 in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:01 a.m. Chairman Laura D. Jackson presided over the meeting. A quorum was present.

Voting Members Present

Ms. Laura Jackson, Chairman
Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mike Chaney *(Represented by designee, Mr. Bob Williams)*
Mr. Mark Formby
Mr. Larry Fortenberry
Dr. Andrea Mayfield *(via Telephone)*
Dr. Alfred Rankins *(via Telephone)*

Non-Voting Members Present

The Honorable John Read
- Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Carey Wright *(Represented by Ms. Sheila Buie)*

Non-Voting Members Absent

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. Latasha Holmes
Ms. Amanda Murphy
Ms. Terri Ashley
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.

Closed/Executive Session:

Mr. Chris Burkhalter made a motion that the meeting be closed for the Board to consider going into executive session to discuss potential litigation matters. Mr. Larry Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Formby, Fortenberry, Jackson, Rankins, and Mr. Bob Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively. Member Mayfield was not present for the vote. The meeting was closed and the public was excused from the room.

While in the closed session, Mr. Bob Williams made a motion that the Board go into executive session in accordance with the Mississippi Open Meetings Act to discuss potential litigation matters. Mr. Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Formby, Fortenberry, Jackson, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively. Member Mayfield was not present for the vote.

The Board entered into executive session, at which time two matters that involved potential litigation were discussed. During the session, the Board admitted Mississippi State Auditor Shad White, former Governor Mr. Ronnie Musgrove, Attorney Allison Hawthorne, and Mr. Rand Page into the meeting to discuss one of the potential litigation matters. No action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Burkhalter made a motion that the Board return to regular session. Mr. Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Formby, Fortenberry, Jackson, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively. Member Mayfield was not present for the vote.

Return to Regular Session:

Upon returning to regular session, the public was invited back into the room. Chairman Jackson announced that the Board had discussed potential litigation matters during the executive session, and stated that the Board had taken no action.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the Standing Board Meeting of June 26, 2019

Chairman Jackson announced that minutes of the Board's standing monthly meeting of June 26, 2019, had been provided to all Board members for their review in advance of today's meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Fortenberry 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 Burkhalter, Formby, Fortenberry, Jackson, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively. Member Mayfield was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 2: Telemedicine Services Contract

Chairman Jackson recognized Mr. Richard Self, State Insurance Administrator with the Office of Insurance, who advised Board members that the Board's contract with American Well Corporation (AmWell), to provide real-time, interactive medical consultations with Mississippi-licensed physicians and nurse practitioners via videoconference, for routine and urgent care to Plan participants twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week with minimal wait time, will expire on February 29, 2020, and includes an option to renew for an additional year at the Board's discretion. Mr. Self briefly described the services provided by AmWell, and stated that staff recommends that the Board exercise the renewal option and extend the contract through February 28, 2021. He explained that should the Board choose not to extend the contract, staff will need to initiate the development of a Request for Proposals in order to ensure that the selected contractor will be ready to provide services by March 1, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Fortenberry to approve extending the telemedicine services contract with AmWell through February 28, 2021. Mr. Burkhalter seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Formby, Fortenberry, Jackson, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively. Member Mayfield was not present for the vote.

Agenda Item 3: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Request

Chairman Jackson recognized Mr. Richard Self, who presented the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan's fiscal year 2021 budget request. A copy of the budget documents was distributed to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. Mr. Self explained that the proposed budget assumes a continuation level budget for most administrative activities. The budget includes projected claims and claims related expenses, as well as all other expenditures expected to be incurred for the upcoming fiscal year. A motion was made by Mr. Burkhalter to approve the budget as presented. Mr. Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Formby, Fortenberry, Jackson, Mayfield, Rankins, and Williams voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 4: 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 June 2019. Copies of the financial statements were provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. No further action was needed or taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 5: General Schedule

Chairman Jackson recognized Mr. Self, who briefly reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months. No further action was needed or taken by the Board.

Agenda Item 6: Old Business

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

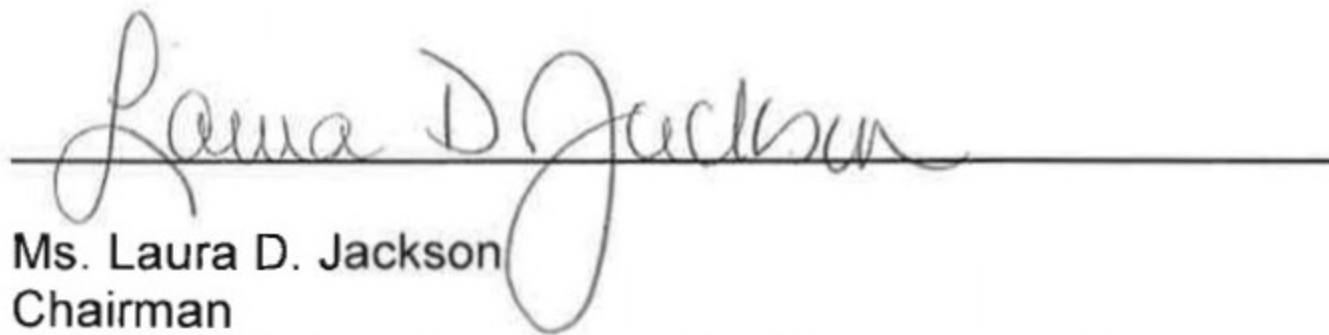
Agenda Item 7: New Business

There was no new business for the Board to consider.

Adjournment

Chairman Jackson announced that the next standing meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 in Room 139, located at the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Laura D. Jackson", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and extends slightly below the line.

Ms. Laura D. Jackson
Chairman

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