

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

**Minutes of the Standing Monthly Meeting
February 26, 2020**

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, in Room 138 of the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m. The presiding officer was Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Voting Members Present

Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman
Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman
Mr. Mike Chaney
Mr. Mark Formby
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Andrea Mayfield *(via telephone)*
Dr. Alfred Rankins *(via telephone)*

Non-Voting Members Present

None

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Larry Fortenberry
Dr. Carey Wright *(Represented by Mrs. Sheila Buie)*

Non-Voting Members Absent

The Honorable J. Walter Michel
- Chairman, Senate Insurance Committee
The Honorable Gary Chism
- Chairman, House Insurance Committee
The Honorable W. Briggs Hopson
- Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable John Read
- Chairman, House Appropriations Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Richard Self
Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Ms. Latasha Holmes
Ms. Amanda Murphy
Mr. John Anderson
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. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the Standing Board Meeting of January 22, 2020

Chairman Welch announced that minutes of the Board's standing monthly meeting of January 22, 2020, had been provided to all Board members for their review in advance of today's 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 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: Calendar Year 2019 Actuarial Report Preliminary Projections

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Wm. Lynn Townsend, FSA, MAAA, consulting actuary for the Board, who presented preliminary projections from his actuarial analysis of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for calendar year 2019. A copy of the report entitled "*Preliminary Financial Projections Calendar Year 2019*" was provided to Board members for their review prior to the meeting. Mr. Townsend discussed historical and projected trend rates, and provided projected premium rate adjustment needs as indicated to meet the Plan's stated funding objective. Based on his updated analysis, Mr. Townsend advised that his projections reflected the need for a 5% premium rate increase in calendar 2021, rather than the previously projected 3% included in the fiscal year 2019 report. A motion was made by Mr. Chris Burkhalter to revise the premium rate change assumption for January 1, 2021, from 3% to 5% and to provide this updated information to the Legislative Budget Office for FY 2021 budgeting purposes. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Latasha Holmes, Director of Budget and Accounting, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of January 2020. 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 Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who briefly reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months. No action was required or taken by the Board on this item.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Bradshaw who reminded the Board of their recent approval for the Health Management Services Request for Proposals (RFP) for the contract scheduled to end on December 31, 2020. Ms. Bradshaw advised that staff had concluded that instead of a single procurement, the RFP should be conducted as two separate solicitations, segregating disease management services from wellness promotion services. She explained that separating the solicitations is expected to foster more competition from among the vendors in the respective service areas who might consider responding. A motion was made by Mr. Kelly Hardwick for the Board to approve separating the health management services RFP into two procurements as recommended by staff. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Richard Self, State Insurance Administrator for the Office of Insurance, who reviewed several bills that had been introduced so far this legislative session. No action was required or taken by the Board on this item.

Adjournment

Chairman Welch 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, March 25, 2020, in Room 139, located in the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



Liz Welch
Chairman
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