

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Special Meeting December 21, 2020

A special meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Monday, December 21, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams® and by telephone conference call. A speakerphone was available in Room 138 in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, for the general public to listen to the meeting. The presiding officer was Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Voting Members Present

Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman
Mr. Mike Chaney
Mr. Mark Formby
Mr. Larry Fortenberry
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Andrea Mayfield
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Dr. Carey Wright *(Represented by Dr. Felicia Gavin)*

Non-Voting Members Present

The Honorable Walter Michel – Chairman,
Senate Insurance Committee

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman

Non-Voting Members Absent

The Honorable Briggs Hopson – Chairman,
Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable John Read – Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Vacant – Chairman
House Insurance Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Richard Self
Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Ms. Amanda Murphy

Attorney General's Office Staff Present:

Ms. Liz Bolin, Esquire

Call to Order

The meeting was chaired and called to order by Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board.

Executive Session

Chairman Welch announced that she has been advised of a matter regarding litigation that impacts the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan, and suggested that the Board may need to enter into a closed session to consider going into executive session. A motion was made by Mr. Larry Fortenberry to enter into a closed session. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 8 – 0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin (designee for Member Wright), Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

The speakerphone room set up for the public in Room 138 was disconnected, while the Board went into closed session. Mr. Fortenberry made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with the Mississippi Open Meetings Act to discuss litigation. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 8 – 0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively. Chairman Welch reopened the meeting and announced that the Board had voted to enter into executive session. The Board entered into executive session. Attorney Clarence Webster provided the Board with an update on a litigation matter. No action was taken by the Board in executive session.

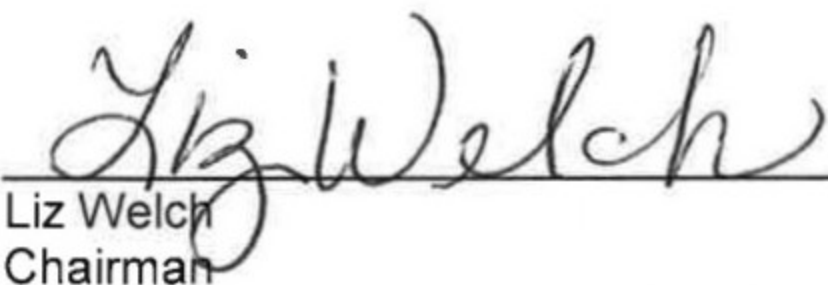
A motion to adjourn the executive session and reopen the meeting was made by Mr. Fortenberry. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chaney and passed by a 8 – 0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

The meeting was reopened and Chairman Welch announced that no action was taken during executive session.

Adjournment

Chairman Welch announced that the next regular meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Liz Welch", is written over a horizontal line.

Liz Welch
Chairman

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