

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Special Meeting February 12, 2021

A special meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Friday, February 12, 2021, at 9:03 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 conference number was also provided to the public. The presiding officer was Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Voting Members Present

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

Non-Voting Members Present

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Alfred Rankins

Non-Voting Members Absent

The Honorable Briggs Hopson – Chairman,
Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable John Read – Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Henry Zuber – Chairman
House Insurance Committee
The Honorable Walter Michel – Chairman,
Senate Insurance Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Ms. Cindy Bradshaw *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Amanda Murphy *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Angela Inman *(Via Teams)*
Mr. Chris Shaman *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Christina Young *(Via telephone)*

Attorney General's Office Staff Present:

Ms. Liz Bolin, Esquire *(Via Teams)*

Call to Order

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

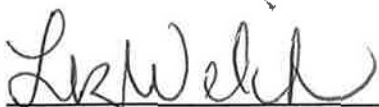
Agenda Item 1: Third Party Administration Services Request for Proposals

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who reminded Board members that the current contract with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2021. The Board previously authorized staff to prepare a request for proposals and initiate the procurement process for the Third Party Administration Services contract. Due to various unforeseen incidents, the release of the Request for Proposal has been delayed. As a result, completion of the procurement and contracting process cannot be accomplished as previously scheduled in a manner that will allow sufficient time for potential implementation and transition to a new vendor by the January 1, 2022 effective date. Staff recommended to the subcommittee that the Board consider executing a one year emergency contract with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi; thus, allowing the effective date of the new contract to be procured by the RFP to be moved to January 1, 2023. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Chaney to approve negotiating a one year emergency contract with Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi to run from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Mr. Larry Fortenberry seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Fortenberry, Gavin (designee for Member Wright), Hardwick, Higgins, and Mayfield voting affirmatively.

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, February 24, 2021.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 09:07 a.m.



Liz Welch
Chairman

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