

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting May 26, 2021

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, May 26, 2021, in Room 117 of the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:02 a.m. Due to COVID-19 social distancing guidelines, a speakerphone was available in Room 138 in the Woolfolk Building 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 *(via phone)*
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Dr. Andrea Mayfield
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
Mr. Mark Formby
Mr. Larry Fortenberry

Non-Voting Members Absent

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

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Ms. Cindy Bradshaw
Ms. Angela Inman
Mr. Chris Shaman
Ms. Amanda Murphy
Ms. Christy Easterling *(Via Phone)*
Ms. Alicia Coleman *(Via Phone)*
Ms. Dinah Wilson *(Via Phone)*
Ms. Christina Young *(Via phone)*

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.

Agenda Item 1: Minutes of the April 28, 2021 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's April 28, 2021 standing monthly meeting 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 for April as presented. Mr. Ray Higgins seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote with members Chaney, Gavin (designee for member Wright), Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: 2020 Pharmacy Benefit Manager Audit

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Kari Tvedt, Senior Consultant, PillarRx, Consulting, LLC, to present the results of Pillar's recently completed audit of Prime Therapeutics' calendar year 2020 performance as the pharmacy benefit manager for the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan. A copy of Pillar's report entitled "*Prescription Benefit Management Audit*", as well as their summary document dated May 23, 2021, was distributed to Board members prior to the meeting. Ms. Tvedt discussed the audit process and the key results, and noted that Prime had met or exceeded all contractual performance standards. No action was required or taken by the Board on this item.

Executive Session

Chairman Welch announced that she had 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. Hardwick to enter into a closed session. Dr. Andrea Mayfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote with members Chaney, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

The speakerphone set up for the Board in Room 117 was disconnected from the call with the public in Room 138, while the Board went into closed session. Mr. Hardwick made a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with the Mississippi Open Meetings Act to discuss litigation. Mr. Mike Chaney seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote with members Chaney, 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. Attorneys Tricia Beale and Ta'Shia Gordon from the Attorney General's Office provided the Board with information 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. Hardwick. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chaney and passed by a 6 – 0 vote with members Chaney, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Mayfield, and Rankins voting affirmatively.

The meeting was reopened and Chairman Welch announced that the Board had discussed a matter regarding litigation that impacts the State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan. No action was taken during executive session.

Agenda Item 3: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Angela Inman, Deputy Director, Office of Insurance, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of April 2021. Copies of the financial statements were provided to the Board members for 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 Mr. Chris Shaman, Deputy Director, Office of Insurance, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months. Ms. Cindy Bradshaw also discussed activities staff was working on with regards to a virtual identification card for employees.

Agenda Item 5: Old Business

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

Agenda Item 6: New Business

There was no new business for the Board to consider.

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, June 23, 2021.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:49 a.m.



Liz Welch
Chairman
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