

## **State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board**

### **Standing Monthly Meeting November 17, 2021**

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:04 a.m. in the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room of the Office of Insurance located in the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi. A dial-in number was available upon request for the 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 *(Represented by Mr. Bob Williams)*  
Mr. Kelly Hardwick  
Mr. Ray Higgins  
Mr. Kell Smith *(Represented by Mr. Jason Carter via TEAMS)*  
Dr. Carey Wright *(Represented by Dr. Felicia Gavin via TEAMS)*

#### **Non-Voting Members Present**

The Honorable John Read - Chairman  
House Appropriation Committee

#### **Voting Members Absent**

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice-Chairman  
Mr. Mark Formby  
Mr. Larry Fortenberry  
Dr. Alfred Rankins

#### **Non-Voting Members Absent**

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

#### **Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:**

Ms. Cindy Bradshaw  
Ms. Angela Inman  
Mr. Chris Shaman  
Ms. Amanda Murphy  
Ms. Alicia Coleman *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Christy Easterling *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Dinah Wilson *(Via Teams)*  
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 October 27, 2021 Standing Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's October 27, 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 as presented. Mr. Bob Williams (designee for member Chaney) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Carter (designee for member Smith), Gavin (designee for member Wright), Hardwick, Higgins, Welch, and Williams voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 2: State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Financial Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2021**

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Wil Crawford, CPA, Accounting and Auditing Assistant Director, BKD, LLP who presented the results of BKD's financial audit of the Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan (Plan). Copies of the reports entitled *State of Mississippi State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan – Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements June 30, 2021* were provided to the Board prior to the meeting. No action was required or taken by the Board on this report.

### **Agenda Item 3: Request for Proposals for Consulting Services**

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, State Insurance Administrator, who advised the Board that the term of the contract with The Segal Company (Southeast), Inc. (Segal Consulting) for consulting services is from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2021, with an option to renew for one additional year at the Board's discretion. She reminded the Board that at the January 27, 2021 meeting, the Board voted to exercise the one-year option, and extended the contract through September 30, 2022. In order to ensure that a selected contractor will be ready to provide services by October 1, 2022, staff will need to begin the procurement process in the upcoming months. Mr. Hardwick made the motion to authorize staff to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Consulting Services and to appoint a subcommittee to work with Office of Insurance staff. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Carter, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Welch, and Williams voting affirmatively. A subcommittee consisting of Mr. Ray Higgins, Dr. Al Rankins, and Mr. Kell Smith was appointed.

### **Agenda Item 4: 2022 Plan Document**

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Chris Shaman, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who presented the draft *2022 Plan Document*. Mr. Shaman reminded Board members that the *Plan Document* provides a comprehensive description of the operation and administration of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, and includes a listing of covered, as well as excluded, services and



benefits. Mr. Shaman discussed in detail a summary of the proposed changes to the *Plan Document*, including but not limited to the recently approved 2022 benefit changes. A motion was made by Ms. Welch to approve the *2022 Plan Document* as presented. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 6 – 0 vote, with members Carter, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Welch, and Williams voting affirmatively.

**Agenda Item 5: Financial Statements**

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Angela Inman, Deputy Director 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 October 2021. 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 6: General Schedule**

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Chris Shaman, Deputy Director with the Office of Insurance, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next several months

**Agenda Item 7: Old Business**

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

**Agenda Item 8: New Business**

Ms. Welch advised the Board that Ms. Bradshaw was looking into the ability to provide insurance to contract workers. These findings will be presented to the Board at a later date.

**Adjournment**

Chairman Welch advised that due to the Christmas holidays and scheduling conflicts, it was likely there will not be a quorum available for the standing monthly Board meeting for December. The next meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., January 26, 2022. As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.



Liz Welch

Chairman

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