

# State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

## Standing Monthly Meeting June 22, 2022

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, June 22, 2022, in the Office of Insurance Conference Room, Suite 901B, in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held virtually using Microsoft Teams®. 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. Mark Formby  
Mr. Larry Fortenberry  
Mr. Kelly Hardwick  
Mr. Ray Higgins *(Via Phone)*  
Dr. Alfred Rankins *(Via Teams)*  
Mr. Kell Smith

### Non-Voting Members Present

### Voting Members Absent

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice Chairman  
Dr. Carey Wright

### Non-Voting Members Absent

The Honorable Briggs Hopson – Chairman,  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
The Honorable John Read – Chairman,  
House 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  
Mr. Chris Shaman  
Ms. Carlotta Edwards *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Angela Inman  
Ms. Amanda Murphy  
Ms. Krista Robinson *(Via Teams)*  
Ms. Stacie Sheriff *(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 April 27, 2022 Standing Monthly Board Meeting**

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's April 27, 2022, 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. Mark Formby for the Board to approve the minutes for April as presented. Mr. Kelly Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, Smith, and Williams (designee for member Chaney) voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 2: Life Insurance Policy Renewal**

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, State Insurance Administrator for the Office of Insurance, who advised that the current and underlying Letter of Understanding between Minnesota Life Insurance Company and the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board will expire December 31, 2022. The subcommittee, consisting of members Burkhalter, Chaney, Hardwick, and Smith, had reviewed the renewal options. Mr. Hardwick made a motion for the Board renew the life insurance policy and execute a new Letter of Understanding with the Minnesota Life Insurance Company to continue to provide life insurance coverage to the State and School Employees' Life Insurance Plan. Mr. Kell Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, Smith, and Williams voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 3: Selection of Financial Audit Services Vendor**

Chairman Welch recognized Ms. Cindy Bradshaw, State Insurance Administrator for the Office of Insurance, who advised that the Board's contract with BKD, LLP for financial audit will expire on August 27, 2022. A subcommittee, consisting of members Higgins, Rankins, and Smith, was appointed at the April 2022 Board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Smith for the Board to approve entering into contract negotiations with Forvis (formerly BKD, LLP) to provide financial audit and consulting services to the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan, and subject to successful contract negotiations, for the Chair of the Board to execute the contract on behalf of the Board. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, Smith, and Williams voting affirmatively.

### **Agenda Item 4: Funding Policy Renewal**

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Lynn Townsend, FSA, MAAA, consulting actuary for the Board. Mr. Townsend, along with staff, has reviewed the funding policy of other states as well as the Plan's current funding and reserve policy. After an overview of the findings was presented by Mr. Townsend, Mr. Hardwick made a motion to revise the current funding and reserve policy of a half-month's expenses to a full month of expenses effective July 1, 2022.

Mr. Bob Williams (designee for member Chaney) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Formby, Fortenberry, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, Smith, and Williams voting affirmatively.

**Agenda Item 5: 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 May 2022. Copies of the financial statements from May, April, March, and February 2022 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 6: 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.

**Agenda Item 7: Other Business**

Chairman Welch reviewed a piece of correspondence she had received from Kelly Riley with the Mississippi Professional Educators regarding changes to the state prescription drug program. A copy of the letter was 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 8: Old Business**

There was no old business for the Board to consider.

**Agenda Item 9: 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, July 27, 2022.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



Liz Welch  
Chairman

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