

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting May 24, 2023

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, May 24, 2023, in Room 117, in the Woolfolk Building located at 501 North West Street in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m. 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 *(via Teams)*
Dr. Felicia Gavin
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Mr. Kell Smith *(Represented by Mr. Jason Carter)*

Non-Voting Members Present

The Honorable Walter Michel – Chairman,
Senate Insurance Committee

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice Chairman
Mr. Larry Fortenberry

Non-Voting Members Absent

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

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Chris Shaman
Ms. Liz Bolin, Esquire
Ms. Karen McKlemurry
Ms. Carlotta Edwards *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Stacie Sheriff *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Krista Robinson *(Via Teams)*

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 26, 2023 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's April 26, 2023 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 March as presented. Mr. Mike Chaney seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Smith (represented by designee Jason Carter) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: OPEB Actuarial Services Contract Renewal

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Chris Shaman, Deputy Director, Office of Insurance, who advised Board members that the Board's contract with Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC, to provide the annual actuarial valuation of the State's other post-employment benefits (OPEB), will expire on June 30, 2023. Cavanaugh Macdonald currently serves as the pension actuarial company for the Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS), from which many of the actuarial assumptions and data used in the OPEB analysis are derived. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Chaney to continue the practice of contracting for OPEB actuarial services with the firm selected by PERS, and to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract with same, contingent upon successful negotiations. Mr. Ray Higgins seconded the motion, which passed by a 7-0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Smith (represented by designee Jason Carter) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Chris Shaman, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the month of April 2023. 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: Proposed Clinical Management Programs

The TPA Medical Administrative Services Subcommittee recommended entering into negotiations with Vigilant Health to expand services to include sharing data files and preparing reports, including a historical economic outcomes analysis.

The Subcommittee also recommended continued evaluation of Virta Health's program and authorization to share data files to allow staff more accurate evaluation of potential costs and outcomes.

Mr. Kelly Hardwick made the motion to approve continuing negotiations with Vigilant Health to expand the services they offer, to include sharing data files and conducting a study, and approve sharing data files to continue staff evaluation of Virta Health's programs. This motion was seconded by Mr. Chaney, which passed by a 7-0 vote, with members Chaney, Formby, Gavin, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Smith (represented by designee Jason Carter) voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 5: General Schedule

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Chris Shaman, who reviewed the schedule of major activities and actions to be taken by the Board for the next few months.

Agenda Item 6: Old Business

In Old Business, Mr. Chris Shaman stated that staff continues working with consultants and vendors on the implementation of contract worker coverage.

Agenda Item 7: New Business

In New Business, Chairman Welch announced that Mr. Chris Shaman is the new Administrator for the State Health Plan effective June 1, 2023.

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 28, 2023.

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As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.



Liz Welch
Chairman

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