

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting

January 24, 2024

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, January 24, 2024, in Room 117 of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in person with some board members and vendors joining the meeting virtually using Microsoft Teams. The presiding officer was Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman of the Board. A quorum was present.

Voting Members Present

Ms. Liz Welch, Chairman
Mr. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice Chairman *(via Teams)*
Mr. Mike Chaney
Mr. Mark Formby
Dr. Felicia Gavin *(represented by Sheila Buie)*
Mr. Kelly Hardwick *(via Teams)*
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Mr. Kell Smith

Non-Voting Members Present

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Ray Higgins

Non-Voting Members Absent

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

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Bert Emrick
Ms. Liz Bolin
Ms. Karen McKlemurry
Ms. Stacie Sheriff *(Via Teams)*
Ms. Carlotta Edwards *(via Teams)*
Ms. Alicia Coleman *(via Teams)*
Ms. Makleisha Logan-Hite *(via Teams)*

Attorney General's Office Staff Present:

Ms. Suzanne Hudson

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 November 15, 2023 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's November 15, 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. Mark Formby for the Board to approve the minutes for November as presented. Mr. Kell Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Buie (designee for Dr. Gavin), Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: Election of Vice Chairman

Chairman Welch advised that election of a vice chairman was in order. A motion was made by Mr. Mike Chaney to re-elect Mr. Christopher Burkhalter as Vice Chairman to the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board. Mr. Mark Formby seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Buie (designee for Dr. Gavin), Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 3: Standing Committee Assignments

Chairman Welch discussed the standing committee members who have been assigned to work with on an as-needed basis, and determined to leave the assignments as they are.

Agenda Item 4: Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services Contract Modification Amendment #4

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, State Insurance Administrator, who requested the Board's approval to modify the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Services contract to support adding CVS Cost Saver and modifying the fee schedule. Mr. Kelly Hardwick made the motion to approve this request and Mr. Kell Smith seconded it. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Buie (designee for Dr. Gavin), Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 5: Pharmacy Benefit Manager Contract

Chairman Welch discussed the Pharmacy Benefit Manager contract, recommending that the Board discuss whether to extend the contract for a fifth year or to open the PBM contract up for RFP. This discussion will continue in the February meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Pharmacy Claims and Performance Audit Services Contract

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who discussed the Pharmacy Claims and Performance Audit Services contract, reporting that this contract expired on December 31, 2023 with no additional time to extend. Mr. Mark Formby made a motion that a one-year contract be awarded to PillarRx to complete the annual pharmacy claims and performance audit. Dr. Al Rankins seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Buie (designee for Dr. Gavin), Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 7: Medical Claims and Performance Audit Services Contract

Chairman Welch again recognized Mr. Emrick, who discussed the Medical Claims and Performance Audit Services Contract, which expired on December 31, 2023 with no additional time to extend. Mr. Emrick requested approval to award a one-year contract to Claim Technologies Incorporated to complete the annual medical claims and performance audit. Mr. Formby made the motion to approve, and Mr. Mike Chaney seconded. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Formby, Buie (designee for Dr. Gavin), Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 8: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the months of November and December 2023. 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 9: General Schedule

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

Agenda Item 10: Old Business

There was no old business.

Agenda Item 11: New Business

Mr. Chaney made comments regarding proposal of benefits changes in March, saying that we may not know what the legislature plans and suggested the board move up the time to make decisions. Chairman Welch stated that we can adjust the schedule.

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, February 28, 2024 in Room 117 of the Woolfolk Building in Jackson, Mississippi.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Welch", is written over a horizontal line.

Liz Welch
Chairman

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