

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting April 30, 2025

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened Wednesday, April 30, 2025, in Room 138 of 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. Christopher Burkhalter, Vice Chairman
Mr. Mike Chaney
Dr. Lance Evans (*represented by Ms. Kym Wiggins*)
Mr. Mark Formby (*via Teams*)
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Dr. Alfred Rankins
Mr. Kell Smith

Non-Voting Members Present

The Honorable Walter Michel – Chairman,
Senate Insurance Committee
The Honorable Jerry Turner – Chairman,
House Insurance Committee

Voting Members Absent

Mr. Jimmy Gathings
Mr. Ray Higgins

Non-Voting Members Absent

The Honorable Briggs Hopson - Chairman,
Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable John Read – Chairman,
House Appropriations Committee

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. Bert Emrick
Ms. Karen McKlemurry (*via Teams*)
Ms. Carlotta Edwards (*via Teams*)
Ms. Alicia Coleman (*via Teams*)
Ms. Lori Paes (*via Teams*)
Ms. Makleisha Logan-Hite (*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 March 26, 2025 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's March 26, 2025, 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. Chaney for the Board to approve the minutes for January as presented. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan Financial Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2024

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Wil Crawford, CPA, Partner - FORVIS, who presented the financial audit report of the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the period ended June 30, 2024.

Agenda Item 3: Utilization and Case Management Services Contract

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Enrick, who discussed the fact that the term of the utilization and care management services contract with Acentra Health f/k/a Keystone Peer Review Organization, Inc. (Kepro) is from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025. The Board had approved extending the contract through June 30, 2026. There are no additional extensions available for this contract. The Office of Insurance will need to initiate the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to ensure that the selected contractor will be ready to provide services by July 1, 2026. Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for utilization and care management services. Mr. Burkhalter seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 4: Health and Wellness Management Services Contract

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who discussed that the term of the health and wellness management services contract with ActiveHealth Management, Inc., is from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2025. The Board approved extending the contract through June 30, 2026. There are no additional extensions available for this contract. The Office of Insurance will need to initiate the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to ensure that the selected contractor will be ready to provide services by July 1, 2026. Mr. Burkhalter made a motion to approve issuing a request for proposal (RFP) for health and wellness management services. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 5: Maternity Management Services Contract

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who mentioned that during the calendar year of 2024, CVS Caremark purchased several ancillary companies to add to their portfolio, included in this purchase was health and wellness. This purchase affected the Mississippi State and School Employees' Health Insurance Plan because this purchase included our health and wellness vendor, ActiveHealth. The Office of Insurance was notified in early July 2024, that due to this purchase, it was decided that ActiveHealth would no longer be offering the optional service of Maternity Management. The optional service expired October 7, 2024. The Board approved awarding the maternity management services to our current utilization and case management vendor, Acentra Health f/k/a Kepro. This contract is set to expire on September 30, 2025. The Office of Insurance is requesting an exigent circumstance approval to extend this contract through June 30, 2026, to match the contract end dates of the case management and health and wellness contracts. If approved, the Office of Insurance will need to initiate the development of a Request for Proposals (RFP) to ensure that the selected contractor will be ready to provide services by July 1, 2026.

Ms. Turner made a motion to approve extending the maternity management contract via exigent circumstance. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Dr. Rankins made a motion to approve issuing request for proposal (RFP) for maternity management services. Ms. Turner seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 6: Gallagher Consulting Services, Inc. Cap Adjustment

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who discussed the fact that due to Lynn Townsend's retirement as the Board's actuary, Gallagher's contract needs to be amended to add additional funds to the contract to cover the new actuarial services that they will provide, as well as supplemental funds to cover the last year of the contract. The estimate of cost for the next year of coverage is \$1,758,000, and Mr. Emrick provided a breakdown of expenses. Mr. Burkhalter made a motion to approve amending the Gallagher contract to add \$1,758,000.00 dollars for actuarial and consulting services through September 30, 2026. Mr. Chaney seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 7: Supplemental Indications Only Criteria – GLP-1 Indications

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who discussed GLP-1 (Ozempic, Mounjaro, Wegovy, Zepbound) and new indications – Board approved Wegovy for the Cardiovascular indication in 2nd Qtr 02024. There are new indications coming in 2025; Obstructive Sleep Apnea (OSA), fatty liver disease, and chronic kidney disease. CVS Caremark is in the process of updating their PA criteria to add these new indications. For the Plan, we show only the Cardiovascular criteria on our website; however, this will be rolled up into a new criteria section, 'Supplemental Indications Only Criteria'. This new criteria section will house all the PA requirements for our current approved indication and all new indications. The Board agreed to table this item for future discussion.

Agenda Item 8: Financial Audit Services Contract Extension

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Emrick, who stated that the Board's contract with Forvis, LLP for financial audit services will expire on September 20, 2025. The contract with Forvis, LLP allows for two (2) options to extend the contract. In order to ensure that the contractor will be ready to perform the Fiscal Year 2025 audit, the Office of Insurance is requesting approval to exercise one of the options to extend. This extension will move the financial audit service contract through to September 20, 2026. Mr. Hardwick made a motion to approve extending the financial audit service contract. Dr. Rankins seconded the motion, which passed by a 7 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Formby, Hardwick, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 9: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the previous two months. Copies of these 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 matter.

Agenda Item 10: General Schedule

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

Agenda Item 11: Old Business

There was no old business.


Agenda Item 12: New Business

There was no new business.

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, May 21, 2025.

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



Liz Welch
Chairman
State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board