

State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board

Standing Monthly Meeting July 23, 2025

The standing monthly meeting of the State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board convened on Wednesday, July 23, 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 (via Teams)
Mr. Mike Chaney
Dr. Lance Evans (represented by Ms. Kym Wiggins)
Mr. Jimmy Gathings
Mr. Kelly Hardwick
Mr. Ray Higgins
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. Mark Formby

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
Mr. Patrick Black
Ms. Karen McKlemurry
Ms. Carlotta Edwards (via Teams)
Ms. Alicia Coleman (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 June 25, 2025 Standing Monthly Board Meeting

Chairman Welch announced that the minutes of the Board's June 25, 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 June as presented. Mr. Hardwick seconded the motion. The motion passed by an 8 – 0 vote, with members Burkhalter, Chaney, Wiggins (designee for member Evans), Gathings, Hardwick, Higgins, Rankins, and Smith voting affirmatively.

Agenda Item 2: Benefit Changes Presentation

Chairman Welch recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who introduced Ms. Tracie McPherson of Gallagher Benefits Services, Inc., who presented a report and cost analysis of the benefit changes and the impact to the plan. Assisting with the Gallagher presentation were Renee Boyd, Bob Jordan, Matt Adams, and Mai Ly Hoang.

Agenda Item 3: Financial Statements

Chairman Welch stepped away and Board member Kelly Hardwick assumed the Chairman duties. Mr. Hardwick recognized Mr. Bert Emrick, who briefly reviewed the financial statements for the State and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan for the previous month. 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 4: General Schedule

Mr. Hardwick 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 5: Old Business

There was no old business.

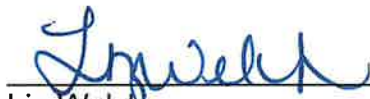
Agenda Item 6: New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Mr. Hardwick 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, August 27, 2025.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.



Liz Welch
Chairman

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