

**Mississippi State Agencies Self-Insured
Workers' Compensation Trust Special Board Meeting
July 18, 2024**

The Mississippi State Agencies Self-Insured Workers' Compensation Trust Board convened with a special called meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024, via a Teams meeting at 8:30 a.m. The presiding officer was Mr. George Roberson, Director.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Kelly Breland
Mr. Andy Smith
Ms. Cassandra Walter

Board Members Absent:

Ms. Cynthia Jiles
Ms. Robin Hedrick

Department of Finance and Administration Staff Present:

Mr. George Roberson

Call to Order

Mr. George Roberson, Director, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., and announced that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 19, 2023

The minutes of the October 19, 2023 Board Meeting were provided to Board members for their review. A motion was made by Ms. Casandra Walker to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Kelly Breland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WC Board Financial Statement / June 2023

Mr. George Roberson discussed that the expected June 2023 financial statements were not completed as expected, so thus there would be no discussion on them. Earlier financial statements had been provided. Mr. Roberson asked if there were questions. Mr. Andy Smith asked to confirm if the email received on May 31 for the financial reports was the last one sent. Mr. Roberson confirmed that it was. There were no other questions.

Actuary Services Contract Award

Mr. George Roberson discussed the recent RFP for Actuary services for the Trust has been won by FTI Consulting. Mr. Roberson explained that FTI bought out the prior provider of these services, Madison Consulting Group, with Mark Crenshaw as our primary business contact. Mr. Crenshaw and his Ridgeland based office remain employees of FTI and has conveyed they will continue to be our primary contacts. Mr. Roberson asked for questions and there were none. Mr. Roberson requested for a motion to accept FTI for a contract award

effective on 8/1/2024. Kelly Breland made a motion to accept and Cassandra Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Performance and Claims Services Contract Award

Mr. George Roberson discussed the recent RFP for the Performance and Claims Audit services for the Trust has been won by Praxis Claims Consulting. Mr. Roberson explained that the reference checks had been performed and Praxis had achieved overwhelming positive marks and comments. Mr. Roberson asked for questions and there were none. Mr. Roberson requested for a motion to accept Praxis for a contract award effective on 8/1/2024. Kelly Breland made a motion to accept and Cassandra Walker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Roberson explained that both contracts would be 4 year contracts with a 5th year renewal possibility. This is the norm for almost every state contract.

Annual Members Meeting

Mr. George Roberson discussed the upcoming annual WC Trust Member Agency meeting to be held at the MS Rehabilitation Services headquarters in Madison on 8/22/2024. Mr. Roberson discussed having worked with Arlette Williams of MDRS along with John Burns and Donna Allen from CCMSI. He explained that the MDRS location is much larger and newer than the MPB location we met at last year. Mr. Roberson encouraged all Board Members to at least attend the lunch Board meeting on the day of the meeting, if they could not attend for the full day, and reminded that the lunch would be provided. Mr. Roberson asked if there were any questions and there were none.

One New Board Member Nominee

Mr. George Roberson stated that one person had thus far been nominated for the vacating Board position in October of 2024. Last year Cynthia Jiles was voted in to take the place of a Board Member whose ending term is October, 2024. Thus, this will be her ending term. Mr. Roberson discussed that the voted-on Nominee will be presented to the Board for approval and vote.

Other Matters

Mr. Roberson asked if there were any other questions from the Board. Kelly Breland asked for an explanation on how claims are paid and by whom, in relation to our Magic accounting system. Mr. Roberson explained the following: CCMSI, our TPA, receives and administers 100% of all WC claims that occur by our Member Agencies, Boards, and Commissions. CCMSI makes all payments by check for all medical bills, all indemnity payments to Claimants, and all legal expenses if any are incurred. On a monthly basis, CCMSI provides all details of claims paid into a single value and sends this to our department. Three persons signoff on the statement and a single payment (via Magic) is provided to CCMSI. Our department also receives monthly invoices for administrative fees of CCMSI, and loss control visit expenses that are incurred by CCMSI. These three invoices are sent to the department

each month, approved, and the accounting department processes payment to CCMSI. Mr. Breland thanked Mr. Roberson and said this answered his question.

Mr. Roberson asked if there were any other questions or issues desiring discussion. There was none.

Adjournment

Mr. Roberson requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kelly Breland made a motion to adjourn, and Cassandra Walker seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 9:00am.

Kelly Breland, Chairman
Mississippi State Agencies Self-Insured
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Date