

Public Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025
Health Care Authority
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B
Olympia, Washington
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

The Briefing Book with the complete presentations and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at:

<https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/public-employees-benefits-board-pebb-program/meetings-and-materials#meeting-materials>

Members Present in Olympia

Lou McDermott, Chair Pro-Tem
John Comerford
Harry Bossi
Michaela Doelman
Kurt Spiegel
Tom MacRobert
Elyette Weinstein

Members Present via Zoom

None

Members Absent

Sharon Laing

PEB Board Counsel

Michael Tunick, AAG (in person)

Call to Order

Lou McDermott, Chair Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Sufficient members were present to allow a quorum. Board members and the public were able to attend either in person or virtually via Zoom.

Meeting Overview

David Iseminger, Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Tom MacRobert moved, and Elyette Weinstein seconded a motion to approve the April 10, 2025 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Sharon Laing was absent for voting.

Elyette Weinstein moved, and Tom MacRobert seconded a motion to approve the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Sharon Laing was absent for voting.

Long-Term Disability (LTD) Benefit Resolution

Kimberly Gazard, Senior Account Manager in the ERB Division presented a resolution for voting to increase the employer-paid long-term disability benefit which would take effect January 1, 2026 for new claims.

- *PEBB 2025-03: Amending PEBB Resolution 2021-13 – Employer-Paid Long-Term Disability (LTD)*. Kurt Spiegel moved, and Elyette Weinstein seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Sharon Laing was absent for voting.

Senate Bill 5083 Overview

Sara Whitley, ERB Finance Manager in the Finance Services and Health Care Purchasing Administration and Ryan Ramsdell, UMP Team Manager in the ERB Division came together to present information regarding Senate Bill 5083 that passed in this year's legislative session. The presentation included background information, a reference pricing overview, goals of the legislation, information on what the bill does, modeled impacts in UMP, and next steps.

UMP Plus Update

Lauren Johnston, Senior Account Manager in the ERB Division presented information regarding the PEBB Program's UMP Plus plans' closure at the end of the year. The presentation included the history of UMP Plus, PEBB Program enrollment, recent legislation impacting the UMP Plus plans, and next steps for the remainder of 2025.

SmartHealth Update

John Partin, Benefit Strategy and Design Section Manager in the ERB Division gave an update on the SmartHealth program. The update included SmartHealth background and engagement, an update on the program, and next steps.

General Public Comment

No members of the public provided comments.

Their testimonies can be found in the audio recording for the June 12 PEB Board meeting at:

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Next Meeting

June 26, 2025

Starting time 9:00 a.m.

Preview of June 26, 2025 PEB Board Meeting

David Iseminger, Director, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the June 26, 2025 meeting.

Executive Session

Pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(L), the Board met in in Executive Session to consider proprietary or confidential nonpublished information related to the development, acquisition, or implementation of state purchased health care services as provided in RCW 41.05.026. The Executive Session began at 10:34 a.m. and concluded at 12:41 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.