

School Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

June 1, 2023
Health Care Authority
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B
Olympia, Washington
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 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/school-employees-benefits-board-sebb-program/meetings-and-materials>

Members Present in Olympia

Lou McDermott
Pamela Kruse
Kerry Schaefer
Dawna Hansen-Murray
Amy Griffin
Myra Johnson
Alison Poulsen

Members Present via Zoom

Terri House

Members Absent

None

SEB Board Counsel

Katy Hatfield, AAG (in person)

Call to Order

Lou McDermott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 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

Myra Johnson moved, and Pamela Kruse seconded a motion to approve the June 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.

May Meeting Follow Up

David Iseminger, Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided a verbal update on the status of the Benefits 24/7 application for the SEBB Program.

UMP Hearing Instruments Benefit

Janice McAlpin, Senior Account Manager, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, brought a resolution to the SEB Board for voting regarding aligning the UMP hearing instruments benefit with legislation passed in the 2023 session.

- *SEBB 2023-05 UMP Hearing Instruments Benefit.* Pamela Kruse moved, and Alison Poulsen seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote.

The following members of the public provided comments regarding the UMP hearing instruments benefit resolution:

- **Fred Yancey**, with concerns

UMP High Deductible Plan IRS Minimum Deductible

Janice McAlpin, Senior Account Manager, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, presented information to the Board regarding the UMP High Deductible Plan and proposed resolution SEBB 2023-06 regarding setting the annual deductible for the plan to align with the minimum annual deductible level established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

No action was taken, and voting is scheduled to occur on this resolution at the June 22, 2023 SEB Board meeting.

2023 Kaiser Permanente of Washington First Fill Insights

Christine Davis, Senior Account Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of the Kaiser Permanente first fill prescription program. The presentation included a recap of the Board vote in 2022 regarding the Kaiser Permanente premiums and changes, the Health Care Authority's standard communications methods after premium votes conclude, how the first fill program was communicated in open enrollment materials, lessons learned from the Health Care Authority regarding plan benefit change implementation, and a statement from Kaiser Permanente of Washington.

Federal Public Health Emergency Unwind

Shawna Lang, Portfolio Management and Monitoring Section Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, gave an update on the federal public health emergency unwind and COVID-19 benefit coverage changes. The presentation included public health emergency coverage and information as well as actions taken after the federal public health emergency ended for Washington Apple Health (Medicaid), and the SEBB Program plans, including Premera, Kaiser Permanente, and

the Uniform Medical Plan. Topics also included UMP's COVID-19 coverage history, and proposed resolution SEBB 2023-07 regarding UMP over-the-counter COVID-19 test coverage.

No action was taken, and voting is scheduled to occur on this resolution at the June 22, 2023 SEB Board meeting.

General Public Comment

No members of the public provided general comments at this meeting.

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Next Meeting

June 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Preview of June 22, 2023 SEB Board Meeting

David Iseminger, Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the June 22, 2023 SEB Board 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 10:03 a.m. and concluded at 11:56 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m.