

School Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2023
Health Care Authority
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B
Olympia, Washington
9:01 a.m. – 12:45 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
Kerry Schaefer
Amy Griffin
Myra Johnson
Alison Poulsen

Members Present via Zoom

Dawna Hansen-Murray
Terri House
Pamela Kruse (*joined about 11:15 a.m.*)

Members Absent

None

SEB Board Counsel

Katy Hatfield, AAG (in person)

Call to Order

Lou McDermott, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 Alison Poulsen 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 High Deductible Plan IRS Minimum Deductible

Janice McAlpin, Senior Account Manager, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, presented a resolution to the Board for voting regarding setting the annual deductible for the plan to align with the minimum annual deductible level established by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

- *SEBB 2023-06 UMP High Deductible Plan IRS Minimum Deductible.* Myra Johnson moved, and Alison Poulsen seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Pamela Kruse was absent for voting.

UMP COVID-19 Over-The Counter Test Coverage

Shawna Lang, Portfolio Management and Monitoring Section Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, brought a resolution to the Board for a vote regarding UMP over-the-counter COVID-19 test coverage after the end of the federal public health emergency.

- *SEBB 2023-07 UMP COVID-19 Over-The-Counter Test Coverage.* Myra Johnson moved, and Alison Poulsen seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Pamela Kruse was absent for voting.

PEBB Retiree Engagement Update

Ellen Wolfhagen, Senior Account Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, gave an update on the PEBB Program's ongoing retiree engagement efforts. Details of the presentation included a recap of the PEBB Program retiree listening sessions and public forums, a retiree communications update, and information regarding the location and contents of the retiree engagement webpage on the Health Care Authority's website.

Open Enrollment Member Communications Survey

Michelle George, Communications Manager in the Communications (COM) Division, provided information regarding the post-open enrollment member communications survey completed by the Health Care Authority (HCA) this past winter. Information in the presentation included the reason for the survey, how subscribers receive newsletters, survey design, survey promotion, survey respondent data, what HCA learned, and next steps.

General Public Comment

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

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Next Meeting

July 13, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Preview of July 13, 2023 SEB Board Meeting

David Iseminger, Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the July 13, 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 9:56 a.m. and concluded at 12:45 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.