

School Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2023
Health Care Authority
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B
Olympia, Washington
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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

Members Present via Zoom

Pamela Kruse
Kerry Schaefer
Dawna Hansen-Murray
Amy Griffin
Myra Johnson

Members Absent

Terri House
Alison Poulsen

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

Jean Bui, Deputy Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Pamela Kruse moved, and Dawna Hansen-Murray seconded a motion to approve the January 26, 2023 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote. Terri House and Alison Poulsen were absent for voting.

Pamela Kruse moved, and Dawna Hansen-Murray seconded a motion to approve the April 6, 2023 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote. Terri House and Alison Poulsen were absent for voting.

Legislative Session Debrief

Cade Walker, Policy, Rules, and Compliance Section Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided a debrief on relevant bills and their outcomes during legislative session. The passage of bills tracked throughout session and the implementation of laws pertaining to the SEBB Program were discussed.

2023-25 Biennial Budget Update

Tanya Deuel, Finance Manager in the Financial Services Division (FSD), presented a final update on the 2023-25 biennial budget. The presentation included final funding rates, final conference budget funding, additional dental detail, and new proviso language.

UMP Hearing Instruments Benefit

Janice McAlpin, Senior Account Manager, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, and **Sara Whitley**, ERB Finance Manager, Financial Services Division, gave an overview of the UMP hearing instruments benefit. The presentation included the evolution of the benefit, information regarding the passage of House Bill 1222, over-the-counter hearing instruments coverage and details, hearing instruments utilization, year insights, and proposed resolution 2023-05 regarding changing the UMP hearing instruments benefit.

Public Comment

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Fred Yancey, regarding the UMP hearing instrument benefit proposed resolution

Public testimonies can be found in the audio recording for the May 4, 2023 meeting at: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/programs-and-initiatives/school-employees-benefits-board-sebb-program/meetings-and-materials>

Next Meeting

June 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Preview of June 1, 2023 SEB Board Meeting

Jean Bui, Deputy Director, Employees and Retirees Benefits Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the June 1, 2023 SEB Board Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.