

Public Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2024
Health Care Authority
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B
Olympia, Washington
9:00 a.m. – 1:45 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/public-employees-benefits-board-pebb-program/meetings-and-materials#meeting-materials>

Members Present in Olympia

Sue Birch, Chair
Michaela Doelman
Elyette Weinstein
Sharon Laing
John Comerford
Harry Bossi

Members Present via Zoom

Tom MacRobert (joined approximately 9:50 a.m.)
Kurt Spiegel

Members Absent

None

PEB Board Counsel

Michael Tunick, AAG (in person)

Call to Order

Sue Birch, Chair, 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, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Elyette Weinstein moved, and Michaela Doelman seconded a motion to approve the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Tom MacRobert was absent for voting.

UMP Benefit Design

Ryan Ramsdell, Uniform Medical Plan Team Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division gave a presentation on a benefit design change in the PEBB Program. The presentation included two resolutions for voting.

- *PEBB 2024-23: UMP diagnostic and supplemental breast exam coverage.* Elyette Weinstein moved, and John Comerford seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Tom MacRobert was absent for voting.
- *PEBB 2024-24: UMP diabetes management program.* John Comerford moved, and Elyette Weinstein seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Tom MacRobert was absent for voting.

Benefits 24/7 Update

Chatrina Pitsch, IT Policy and Planning Manager in the Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) Division presented an update on the implementation of the Benefits 24/7 application that launched earlier in 2024. The update included details of launch successes and challenges, next steps in implementation, information on support for benefits administrators, and communications regarding the application.

Liberty Mutual Auto Insurance Discount Discussion

Andrea Philhower, Fully Insured Team Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits Division presented information regarding the PEBB Program Liberty Mutual auto discount and criteria the agency recommends be applied when an insurer approaches the PEBB Program with a proposal for a new benefit. The presentation included some background on the Liberty Mutual benefit, some considerations, and recommended future program evaluation criteria. The presentation also included a sample copy of a letter from Liberty Mutual about their benefit.

General Public Comment

The following members of the public provided comments:

- **Fred Yancey**
- **Amy Fortier**
- **Erica Sahota**

Topics brought forth during public comments included requests for more information about Liberty Mutual and retirees, member support groups regarding future benefit evaluation criteria, and a personal testimony regarding fertility treatment coverage.

Their testimonies can be found in the audio recording for the May 9, 2024 PEB Board meeting at:

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Next Meeting

June 13, 2024

Starting time 9:00 a.m.

Preview of June 13, 2024 PEB Board Meeting

Dave Iseminger, Director, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the June 13, 2024 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 10:56 a.m. and concluded at 12:52 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.