

Public Employees Benefits Board
Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2024
Health Care Authority
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B
Olympia, Washington
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 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
Sharon Laing
Harry Bossi
Elyette Weinstein

Members Present via Zoom

Tom MacRobert
Kurt Spiegel

Members Absent

John Comerford
Michaela Doelman

PEB Board Counsel

Michael Tunick, AAG (in person)

Call to Order

Lou McDermott, Chair Pro-Tem, called the meeting to order at 9:03 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

Tom MacRobert moved, and Elyette Weinstein seconded a motion to approve the May 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote. Michaela Doelman was absent for voting.

May Meeting Follow Up

David Iseminger, Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division presented some verbal follow-up information regarding Benefits 24/7 enrollment disruptions some retirees experienced earlier in the year.

Property/Casualty Insurance via Payroll Deduction Follow Up

John Partin, Benefit Strategy and Design Section Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division presented more information about the property/casualty insurance benefit and some proposed evaluation criteria for future possible benefits. The presentation included proposed evaluation criteria for contracts under RCW 41.05.065(9) and a proposed resolution for the Board to adopt these criteria for future possible benefits.

- *PEBB 2024-25: Evaluation Criteria for Contracts under RCW 41.05.065.*

No action was taken on the resolution. Voting on the resolution is scheduled to occur at the June 27, 2024 Board meeting.

Pharmacy Administration

Jenny Switzer, Senior Account Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division provided some more details on PEBB Program pharmacy administration in response to several questions from Board members earlier in the year. The presentation included the PEBB Program pharmacy benefits organizational structure, information on the Northwest Prescription Drug Program, now known as ArrayRx, Moda, Navitus, and Ardon Health services, information about pharmacy benefit managers and how Navitus differs from the general market, information about pharmacy and therapeutics (P&T) committees, and UMP rebates.

Medicare Update

Ellen Wolfhagen, Retiree Benefits Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division presented an update on the implementation of UMP Classic Medicare with Part D plan. The presentation included information regarding the UMP Part D implementation plan, timeline, UMP enrollment impacts, and information on members' eligibility with international coverage.

UMP Classic Medicare with Part D (PDP) Policy Resolution

Stella Ng, Policy and Rules Coordinator in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division brought two resolutions to us today regarding coverage for international UMP Classic Medicare with Part D members.

- *PEBB 2024-26: PEBB Retiree Insurance Coverage Deferral – Permanently Live in a Location Outside of the United States.*
- *PEBB 2024-27: Automatic Deferral – PEBB Retiree Insurance Coverage for Medicare Subscribers Who Permanently Live in a Location Outside of the United States.*

No action was taken on the resolutions. Voting on these resolutions is scheduled to occur at the June 27, 2024 Board meeting.

General Public Comment

There were no public comments given at the meeting.

Next Meeting

June 27, 2024

Starting time 9:00 a.m.

Preview of June 27, 2024 PEB Board Meeting

Dave Iseminger, Director, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the June 27, 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 11:54 a.m. and concluded at 2:17 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.