

**School Employees Benefits Board**  
**Meeting Minutes**

May 2, 2024  
Health Care Authority  
Sue Crystal Rooms A & B  
Olympia, Washington  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 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  
Pamela Kruse  
Kerry Schaefer  
Myra Johnson

**Members Present via Zoom**

Amy Griffin  
Dawna Hansen-Murray  
Omeid Heidari  
Alison Poulsen

**Members Absent**

Terri House

**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**

Myra Johnson moved, and Pamela Kruse seconded a motion to approve the March 14, 2024 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote. Terri House was absent for voting.

Myra Johnson moved, and Pamela Kruse seconded a motion to approve the April 4, 2024 retreat minutes. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote. Terri House was absent for voting.

### **April Meeting Follow Up**

**Jean Bui**, Deputy Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division provided some follow-up information from the April Board meeting. The presentation included information about PEBB and SEBB Program dual enrollment overlap.

### **UMP Benefit Design**

**Ryan Ramsdell**, Uniform Medical Plan Team Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division provided a presentation regarding UMP benefit design for the 2025 plan year. The presentation included a resolution for voting for UMP diagnostic and supplemental breast exam coverage.

- *SEBB 2024-08: UMP diagnostic and supplemental breast exam coverage.*  
Pamela Kruse moved and Kerry Schaefer seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Terri House was absent for voting.

### **Benefits 24/7 Update**

**Jessica Pratt-McConnel**, IT Policy and Planning Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division filled in for Chatrina Pitsch, IT Policy and Planning Manager, and presented an update on the Benefits 24/7 application launch. The update included information regarding launch successes and challenges, next steps for the application, support for benefits administrators, and communications regarding the application.

### **Premium Payment Program**

**Michaela Snook**, Premium Payment Program Section Manager and **Missy Bruce**, Premium Payment Program Unit Manager in the Financial Services Division (FSD) brought a presentation to the Board regarding the Premium Payment Program administered by the Health Care Authority. The presentation topics included program background, program overview, benefits for clients, program eligibility, 2024 qualifying health plan deductible amounts, non-qualifying health plans, information regarding determining cost effective amounts, and information about enrolling in the Premium Payment Program.

### **General Public Comment**

The following members of the public provided comments:

- Ligouri Daubenschmidt

Topics brought forth during public comments included a training environment request in the Benefits 24/7 application.

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### **Next Meeting**

June 6, 2024

Starting time 9:00 a.m.

### **Preview of June 6, 2024 SEB Board Meeting**

**Jean Bui**, Deputy Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the June 6, 2024 meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.