

School Employees Benefits Board Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2023 Health Care Authority Sue Crystal Rooms A & B Olympia, Washington 9:00 a.m. – 11:15 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
Kerry Schaefer
Amy Griffin
Myra Johnson
Pamela Kruse
Dawna Hansen-Murray

Members Present via Zoom

Terri House

Members Absent

Alison Poulsen

SEB Board Counsel

Michael Tunick, AAG (in person, filling in for Katy Hatfield)

Call to Order

Lou McDermott, 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 of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of the agenda.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dawna Hansen-Murray moved, and Pamela Kruse seconded a motion to approve the July 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote. Alison Poulsen was absent for voting.

General Program Updates

David Iseminger, Director, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, gave a general update regarding the PEBB Program. Updates included information regarding the launch of Benefits 24/7 in January 2024 and the UMP TPA legislative report.

2024 SEBB Premiums

Tanya Deuel, ERB Finance Manager in the Financial Services Division (FSD), brought resolutions as they were presented on July 13, 2023 to the SEB Board for voting regarding the SEBB Program premiums.

- SEBB 2023-08 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Northwest 2024 Medical Premiums. Lou McDermott moved, and Amy Griffin seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a vote of five in favor and two opposed. Alison Poulsen was absent for voting.
- SEBB 2023-09 Kaiser Foundation Plan of Washington 2024 Medical Premiums. Amy Griffin moved, and Dawna Hansen-Murray seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a vote of five in favor and two opposed. Alison Poulsen was absent for voting.
- SEBB 2023-10 Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington Options 2024 Medical Premiums. Amy Griffin moved, and Dawna Hansen-Murray seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a vote of five in favor and two opposed. Alison Poulsen was absent for voting.
- SEBB 2023-11 Premera 2024 Medical Premiums. Pamela Kruse moved, and Dawna Hansen-Murray seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Alison Poulsen was absent for voting.
- SEBB 2023-12 Uniform Medical Plan 2024 Medical Premiums. Pamela Kruse moved, and Kerry Schaefer seconded a motion to approve the resolution. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote. Alison Poulsen was absent for voting.

Open Enrollment Preview

Alisa Richards, Benefits Accounts Section Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, gave a preview of the agency's efforts while planning for open enrollment. The presentation included the open enrollment timeline, updates from the Outreach and Training (O&T) unit, customer service unit, benefits administrator training and readiness, benefits fairs and schedule, and an open enrollment member checklist.

SmartHealth: WebMD Implementation

Kristen Stoimenoff, Wellness Manager in the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, gave a SmartHealth update that included some information about the transition to the new vendor, WebMD. The update included new SmartHealth features and WebMD's acquisition of Limeade.

2024 Board Meeting Schedule

David Iseminger, Director of the Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, presented the finalized 2024 PEB Board meeting schedule that was filed with the code reviser.

General Public Comment

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

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Next Meeting

January 25, 2024 Retreat Starting time 9:00 a.m.

Preview of January 25, 2024 SEB Board Retreat

Dave Iseminger, Director, Employees and Retirees Benefits (ERB) Division, provided an overview of potential agenda topics for the February 1, 2024 retreat. David also acknowledged Connie Bergener, who is retiring in August after over 40 years of state service and served as the PEB Board support person for many years.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m.