



Meeting Minutes | Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 | 10:30 a.m.

202 Arbor Lake Dr., Columbia, SC 29223 | First Floor Conference Room

Minutes Approved December 6, 2023

Board Members Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Mr. Alex Shissias

Board members Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting Via Virtual Means: Ms. Amanda Blankenship, Ms. Jennifer Blumenthal, Mr. Calvin Elam, Mr. Steve Heisler, Ms. Paige Lewis, Sheriff Steve Mueller, Chairman Joe “Rocky” Pearce, and Mr. John Sowards.

Board members absent: Mr. Steve Matthews and Mr. Ed Walton.

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting: Peggy Boykin, Amber Carter, Alexis Cohens, Matt Doherty, Justin Ellis, Heather Muller, Jacalin Shealy, Rob Tester, Travis Turner, and Justin Werner from the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA; and Mike Madalena; PEBA Consultant.

Others Present for All or a Portion of the Meeting Via Virtual Means: Jessica Moak, Heather Young, and Angie Warren from PEBA.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Rocky Pearce called the PEBA Board of Director’s (Board) meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., and stated that the public meeting notice was posted in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes- June 21, 2023

Mr. Steve Heisler made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Calvin Elam, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes from the June 21, 2023, Board meeting.

III. Committee Reports

A. Health Care Policy Committee

Mr. Alex Shissias reported that the Health Care Policy Committee met prior to the full Board meeting, and the Committee received an update regarding the increasing share of expense attributable to high dollar claims in the State Health Plan, as well as current trend drivers in the Plan.

Mr. Rob Tester, Insurance Policy Director, reviewed the tentative 2025 State Health Plan Initial Budget Requirements. Mr. Shissias advised that the Health Care Policy Committee made a motion that the PEBA Board authorize the Executive Director to submit the proposed

preliminary budget requirements for the 2025 State Health Plan in the state budget process, with delegation to adjust those requirements upon the recommendations of the Plan's consultants based upon additional claims information received prior to the submission deadline. Chairman Pearce reminded the Board that a Committee motion does not require a second. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business

Director's Report

Ms. Boykin provided the Director's Report, and thanked the Board for their scheduling flexibility to meet and adopt the tentative 2025 State Health Plan Initial Budget Requirements.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, and upon a motion by Mr. Heisler, which was seconded by Mr. Shissias, and approved unanimously, the Board meeting adjourned at 10:43 a.m.