

FINAL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM BOARD
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE
TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
January 17, 2018

Members participating: Herb Ames; Mary Beaumont; Gary Cupo; Don Henson (DOBI); Margaret Koller; Lauren Lalicon; Ulysses Lee (Oxford); Joseph Pandolfo (Cigna); Nicholas Peterson (Horizon); Thomas Pownall (Aetna); Tony Taliaferro (AmeriHealth).

Others participating: Ellen DeRosa, Executive Director; Chanell McDevitt, Deputy Executive Director; Christine Machnowsky, Deputy Executive Director; Rosaria Lenox, Managing Financial Officer; Jeff Posta, Deputy Attorney General.

I. Call to Order

E. DeRosa called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. She announced that notice of the meeting was provided to three newspapers of general circulation and the State House Press Corps, and posted at the Department of Banking and Insurance (“DOBI”), on the DOBI website, and at the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Following a roll call, she determined there was a quorum present, and stated that all votes would be by roll call because some of the Board members were participating by phone.

II. Public Comments

There were no members of the public in attendance.

III. Minutes of the December 20, 2017 Meeting

H. Ames made a motion, seconded by M. Beaumont, to approve the minutes of December 20, 2017 meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried, with J. Pandolfo abstaining.

IV. Staff Report – Resignations; Regulatory Updates

E. DeRosa reported that Susan Tully Abdo resigned from Cigna, and that J. Pandolfo is serving as her replacement for the time being. J. Pandolfo stated that he did not know whether he would become the permanent Board representative.

E. DeRosa reported that Lauren Lalicon will be leaving the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce and that her new employment does not directly serve the interests of employers or small employers. E. DeRosa explained that this means there will be a vacancy for a small employer representative, so requests for nominations will be going out shortly.

E. DeRosa announced that Brendan Peppard is no longer with the Department of Banking and Insurance, and that Don Henson will serve as the Commissioner’s representative for today’s meeting, but that she does not know who may be designated for future Board meetings.

Possible Rule Amendments

E. DeRosa stated that quite a number of bills were signed by Governor Chris Christie prior to his last day in office, and that some amendments will be required for the policy forms in order to comply with the new legislation. She said that she expects to have much of the proposed language available for the Board at or before the February meeting.

VI. Public Comment

There were no members of the public in attendance.

VII. Close of Meeting

M. Koller made a motion, seconded by M. Beaumont, to close the meeting. By roll call vote, the motion carried.

[The meeting adjourned at 10:10 A.M.]