

New Jersey School Employees'
Health Benefits Commission
Open Session Minutes
July 10, 2024

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Commission filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The 2024 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State on December 29, 2023, and Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 29, 2023. The annual meeting schedule was posted on the Division website on December 29, 2023.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Monday, March 25, 2024 at 10:00 am, taking place at the Department of Pensions and Benefits in Trenton, New Jersey.

The text of Resolution A (Closed Session) and Resolution B (Executive Session) were read in their entirety in the event that the Commission desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into Closed or Executive session.

Kelly Fields took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Committee Members:

Denise Graff Policastro, Chair

Jon Pipas

Joseph Tappe

Michael Maillaro

Carl Tanksley

Manuel Paulino

Julie Giordano Plotkin

Sarah Favinger

Becky Searles

Kelly Fields, Secretary

Interim Chair:

Carl Tanksley made a motion to nominate Denise Graff Policastro as the interim chair. Sarah Favinger seconded the motion; all voted in favor.

Julie Giordano Plotkin made a motion to approve the April 15, 2024 Open and Executive Session meeting minutes. Denise Graff Policastro made a correction that she did not attend the April 15, 2024 Board meeting. Denise Graff Policastro made a motion to pass the meeting minutes with the correction. Julie Giordano Plotkin seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Sonia Rivera Perez and Julie Giordano Plotkin abstained.

2025 Rate Renewal Presentation:

Jon Pipas, Joseph Tappe and Becky Searles presented a summary of the SEHBC rate setting report. The purpose of the presentation was to set premium rates for the 2025 plan year based off of 2023 rates, measuring gains and losses. AON stated that the rates have increased. Joseph Tappe touched base on cost drivers, premium drivers, trend assumptions, medical claim trends, and utilization.

Manuel Paulino made a motion to adjourn. Denise Graff Policastro seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Fields".

Kelly Fields
Acting Secretary
School Employees' Health
Benefits Commission