

School Employees' Health Benefits Commission
Open Session Minutes
August 12, 2020

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 2020 annual meeting schedule was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 26, 2019. Updates regarding the Telephonic meeting were sent to the Star Ledger and Trenton Times on July 30, 2020

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 10am. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this meeting was held telephonically.

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.

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Commissioners:

Thomas Gallagher, Department of Banking and Insurance
Julie Giordano Plotkin, Associate Director, NJEA
Dan Goldman, NJEA
Cynthia Jahn, NJ School Boards Association
Michael Maillaro, AFL-CIO Representative
Sonia Rivera-Perez, Division of Pensions & Benefits
Kevin Kelleher, NJEA

Also Present:

Amy Chung, Deputy Attorney General
Christin Deacon, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Andrew Lawson, Division of Pensions and Benefits

Nicole Ludwig, Division of Pensions and Benefits
Debra Pelto, Division of Pensions & Benefits

The meeting began with the nomination of an interim chair. Commissioner Kelleher made a motion to nominate Commission Thomas Gallagher Kelleher as interim chair. Commissioner Maillaro seconded; all voted in favor.

Case: 0812200201

Acting Secretary Nicole Ludwig stated the Commissioners were provided with the COBRA notice that the location sent the member on October 19, 2018. This letter was provided by the employer and advised the dependent was aging off the coverage.

Commissioner Giordano Plotkin asked if the notification of a dependent aging off can be included on a member's MBOS page. Christin Deacon of the Division stated the Division would investigate. Mrs. Deacon added that the Division is working with the Employer Education unit to develop additional training opportunities.

Commissioner Kelleher made a motion to deny the appeal based on the lapse in coverage for the dependent, stating the timing of the submission of application. Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion; all voted in favor. Interim Chair Gallagher stated the Commission would like the Division to investigate potential fixes which would address the notification of coverage changes involving local education employers.

2021 Rate Renewals – AON

AON representative Becky Searles presented the 2021 rates for the School Employees' Health Benefits Program. In her presentation she reviewed the recent passing of P.L. 2020 Ch. 44 as well as SEHBC Resolution 2020-2 and the impact of these change on the SEHBP.

Commissioner Kelleher asked if AON would provide reserve updates prior to the next commission meeting scheduled for August 19, 2020. Commissioner Giordano Plotkin asked for a breakout regarding anti-selection prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Keller stated the reports would need to be provided well in advance of the meeting or the meeting may have to be postponed. Commissioner Jahn asked what the latest date the rates would need to be approved for implementation. Christin Deacon of the Division of Pensions & Benefits stated it is not set in stone, however the end of August is the target date.

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Maillaro made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gallagher seconded seethe motion; all voted in favor and the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Sincerely,



Acting Secretary School Employees' Health Benefits Commission