

California Public Employees' Retirement System

Board of Administration Pension & Health Benefits Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2023

The Pension & Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) met in Open Session on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, in the Lincoln Plaza North Building, 400 Q Street, Sacramento, California.

The meeting was called to order at 10:46 a.m. with the following members present:

Ramon Rubalcava, Chair
Jose Luis Pacheco, Vice Chair
Malia Cohen (Remote)
David Miller
Eraina Ortega
Kevin Palkki
Theresa Taylor
Yvonne Walker
Mullissa Willette

Other Board Members Present:
Patrick Henning for Fiona Ma
Lisa Middleton

Agenda Item 2 – Executive Report(s)

Kim Malm, Deputy Executive Officer, Customer Services and Support (CSS) provided updates on the PBI breach statistics, retiree warrants project, the next CBEE, and the first day of open enrollment calls to our call center.

Don Moulds, Chief Health Director, Health Policy & Benefits Branch (HPBB), gave a few updates on federal items: letters sent out supporting legislature to curb drug patent abuse and establish standards for reviewing health mergers and acquisitions, the Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Project, and upcoming federal consultant contract. Additional updates provided were on November's PHBC, the start of open enrollment, and an appreciation for Larry Woodson, retiring chair of the California State Retirees.

Agenda Item 3 – Action Consent Items

On **MOTION** by Jose Luis Pacheco and **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Committee voted to accept the following Action Consent Items:

- 3a. Approval of the June 21, 2023, PHBC Meeting Minutes
- 3b. Approval of the September 19, PHBC Meeting Timed Agenda

Agenda Item 4 – Information Consent Items

The Committee accepted the following Information Consent Items:

- 4a. Annual Calendar Review

4b. Draft Agenda for the November 14, 2023, PHBC Meeting

Agenda Item 5a – Overview of Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Solicitation

Don Moulds, Chief Health Director, Health Policy & Benefits Branch (HPBB), and Peter Lee, CalPERS Strategic Consultant, presented an update on the 2025-2029 Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Health Plan Solicitation (Solicitation). The Solicitation seeks to implement key strategies to ensure members have access to high-quality health care that is equitable and affordable. This agenda item provides an overview of the Solicitation's objectives, process, and activities. The agreement(s) will be for five years beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2029.

The following person spoke on this item:
William Stuart, out-of-state retiree

Agenda Item 5b – Engaging Audiences Through Proactive Policy Communications

John Myers, Division Chief, Office of Public Affairs (PAOF), introduced a new Business Plan Initiative for Fiscal year 2023-24 to increase communication across all digital platforms focused on CalPERS policy actions related to pensions, investments, and health care.

Agenda Item 5b – Summary of Committee Direction

Mr. Moulds provided a summary of the Committee direction from the September 19, 2023, meeting. The Committee directed staff as follows:

- Explore out-of-state plan options through the PPO solicitation process and report back.

Agenda Item 5c – Public Comment

The Committee received Public Comment from Tim Behrens and Larry Woodson, California State Retirees, who spoke on ACO Reach and better communication about Delta Dental and the vision plan administered by CalHR.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for November 14, 2023, in Sacramento, California.

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