



Pension & Health Benefits Committee

Meeting Summary

March 17, 2021

This is intended as a guide for the Committee Chair. Other than the motions, this need not be read verbatim. The Chair may add context/comment as appropriate.

The Pension & Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) met on March 16, 2021.

The Committee re-elected Rob Feckner as Chair and Ramon Rubalcava as Vice Chair of the PHBC.

THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS AND I MOVE, the Board approve the following:

- **AGENDA ITEM 5c**
Approve staff's recommendation to submit the final rulemaking file to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) that will amend existing regulations regarding the minimum standards for California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) health benefit plans.
- **AGENDA ITEM 7a**
Approve staff's recommendation to expand the Western Health Advantage HMO into Humboldt County. This item also provided a presentation of the CalPERS Insurer Competition Model. The model confirmed the three plan expansion proposals: Blue Shield Access Plus into eight Bay Area counties; Blue Shield Trio into the counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, Stanislas, and Orange Counties; and United Healthcare Signature Value Harmony Basic into five Southern California counties approved by the Board in November 2020.

The Committee received reports on the following topics:

- The Committee reviewed the PHBC delegation and has no recommended changes. The delegation will be presented for board approval, along with other committee delegations, at a subsequent meeting..
- The Committee received information regarding Health Open Enrollment Results, and Retiree Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

The Chair directed staff to:

- Present a Behavioral Health briefing at a future PHBC meeting.
- Keep the Committee informed of any changes seen in future liabilities in the Long-Term Care Program.

At this time, I would like to share some highlights of what to expect at the May PHBC meeting:

- The Committee will meet in closed session to discuss an update on Health Plan Rate Renewal Negotiation Strategy.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for May 2021, in Sacramento, California.