

## California Public Employees' Retirement System

### Board of Administration Pension and Health Benefits Committee Draft Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2025

The Pension & Health Benefits Committee (PHBC) met in Open Session on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the Lincoln Plaza North Building, 400 Q Street, Sacramento, California.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present:

Ramón Rubalcava, Chair  
Kevin Palkki, Vice Chair  
Malia Cohen, also represented by Deborah Gallegos  
Nicole Griffith for Monica Erickson  
David Miller  
Jose Luis Pacheco  
Theresa Taylor  
Yvonne Walker  
Mullissa Willette

Other Board Members Present:

Michael Detoy  
Frank Ruffino for Fiona Ma  
Lisa Middleton

#### **Agenda Item 2 – Executive Report(s)**

Kim Malm, Deputy Executive Officer, Customer Services and Support (CSS) provided an overview on how the call center did during open enrollment, an update on the implementation of multi-factor authentication for employers, results from the effort to boost myCalPERS member self-service registrations, updated Contact Center procedures, a retiree class webinar as well as additional virtual trainings, CBEEs, and introduced Thor Dunn, the new Division Chief of the Customer Experience Division.

Don Moulds, Chief Health Director, Health Policy & Benefits Branch (HPBB), provided an update on the release of the Health Benefits Program Annual Report for the 2024 plan year, a 60-day extension to submit Social Security Administration applications as needed for those who faced delays during the government shutdown, a recent trip to Washington DC to testify in front of the U.S. Senate Committee on Aging, and a progress report on the new pharmacy benefits manager transition.

The following people spoke on this item:

Lisa Agcaoili, CalPERS member  
Carl Williams, CalPERS beneficiary  
Nick Partida, United Nurses Association of California  
Jeff Freitas, CFT President  
Bobby Roy, State employee  
Keith Umemoto, 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 September 16, 2025, PHBC Meeting Minutes
- 3b. Approval of the November 18, 2025, 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 March 17, 2026, PHBC Meeting
- 4c. CalPERS Health Benefits Program Annual Report for Plan Year 2024

### **Agenda Item 5a – Health Benefits Program Proposals for the 2027 Plan Year**

Rob Jarzombek, Chief, Health Plan Research & Administration (HPRA), and Julia Logan, Chief Clinical Director, Clinical Policy and Programs Division (CPPD), provided an update on the Health Benefits Program proposals under consideration for the 2027 plan year and the implementation of Senate Bill (SB 729). The proposals include a product change and expansions to new service areas.

On **MOTION** by Kevin Palkki and **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, the Committee voted to approve the following changes for 2027:

- 1) Product change: Blue Shield Medicare Advantage PPO
- 2) Service area expansions
  - a) Blue Shield EPO expansion into ZIP codes that do not have an HMO offering
  - b) Kaiser HMO expansion into northwestern Nevada

The following person spoke on this item:

Larry Woodson, California State Retirees

### **Agenda Item 6a – Summary of Committee Direction**

The Committee directed staff to create and provide the Board members with high level talking points to use regarding the Rate Development Process.

### **Agenda Item 6b – Public Comment**

The Committee received Public Comment asking the Board to acknowledge a prior agreement regarding a member's care, requests for more accessible and affordable health plan options in Amador County, and a member concern over inaccurate COVID vaccine coverage and counseling.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

The next meeting of the PHBC is scheduled for March 17, 2026, in Sacramento, California.

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Don Moulds  
Chief Health Director  
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Kimberly A. Malm  
Deputy Executive Officer  
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