

**STATE OF NEVADA  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' BENEFITS PROGRAM  
BOARD MEETING**

Video/Telephonic Open Meeting  
Carson City

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**ACTION MINUTES (Subject to Board Approval)**

May 26, 2022

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

**VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

Ms. Laura Freed, Board Chair  
Ms. Linda Fox, Vice Chair  
Mr. Tom Verducci, Member  
Ms. April Caughron, Member  
Mr. Jim Barnes, Member  
Ms. Leslie Bittleston, Member  
Ms. Janell Woodward, Member  
Dr. Jennifer McClendon, Member

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Ms. Betsy Aiello, Member  
Ms. Michelle Kelley, Member

**FOR THE BOARD:**

Ms. Michelle Briggs, Chief Deputy Attorney General

**FOR STAFF:**

Ms. Laura Rich, Executive Officer  
Mr. Nik Proper, Operations Officer  
Ms. Cari Eaton, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Tim Lindley, Quality Control Officer  
Ms. Wendi Lunz, Executive Assistant

**OTHER PRESENTERS:**

Nathan Maier – UMR  
Rhonda Huckaby – HSB  
Barbara Richardson – Division of Insurance

1. Open Meeting; Roll Call

- Board Chair Freed opened the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

2. Public Comment

- Kent Ervin – Nevada Faculty Alliance
- Rett Smith – Active State Employee
- Brooke Maylath
- Tess Opferman - AFSCME
- Terri Laird – RPEN

3. PEBP Board disclosures for applicable Board meeting agenda items. (Michelle Briggs, Chief Deputy Attorney General) (Information/Discussion)

4. Consent Agenda (Laura Freed, Board Chair) (**All Items for Possible Action**)

Consent items will be considered together and acted on in one motion unless an item is removed to be considered separately by the Board.

- 4.1 Approval of Action Minutes from the March 24, 2022 PEBP Board Meeting
- 4.2 Acceptance of Claim Technologies Incorporated quarterly audit findings:
  - 4.2.1 Audit of HealthSCOPE Benefits for the timeframe of July 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021.
  - 4.2.2 Audit of HealthSCOPE Benefits for the timeframe of October 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021.
- 4.3 Approval of PEBP Master Plan Documents for Plan Year 2023 including Master Plan Documents for the Consumer Driven High Deductible (CHDP) Plan, Low Deductible (LD) Plan and Exclusive Provider Organization (EPO) Plan

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 4**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve Agenda items 4.1 and 4.2.

**BY:** Member Leslie Bittleston

**SECOND:** Member April Caughron

**VOTE:** Unanimous; the motion carried

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 4.3**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve the Master Plan Documents.

**BY:** Member Jennifer McClendon

**SECOND:** Vice Chair Linda Fox

**VOTE:** Unanimous; the motion carried

5. Executive Officer Report (Laura Rich, Executive Officer) (Information/Discussion)
6. Enrollment and Eligibility System Transition Update (Nik Proper, Operations Officer) (Information/Discussion)
7. Discussion and possible action regarding the framework for development of the Agency Budget Request for the 2024-2025 Biennium (Laura Rich, Executive Officer) (**For Possible Action**)

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 7**

**MOTION:** Motion to instruct PEBP staff to submit an agency request budget that brings benefits to what they were in fiscal year '20, with the exception of retaining the low deductible plan that was introduced later and include the ability to make technical adjustments to the budget as necessary and trend the budget as our new actuaries project it for the 2023 – 2025 biennium.

**BY:** Member Jim Barnes

**SECOND:** Member Tom Verducci

**VOTE:** Aye – Members Barnes, Verducci and Woodward  
Nay – Chair Freed, Members Bittleston, Caughron, Fox, McClendon

**Motion Fails**

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 7**

**ALTERNATE MOTION:** Motion to instruct PEBP staff to do two versions of agency request budget for the 2023 -2025 biennium. The first one would be based on existing benefit design and would include an enhancement request for the in-house counsel, upgrade two existing IT positions, the ability to do technical changes to the budget like replacement equipment and assessments and that sort of thing, and budget for trends as the actuaries predicted. The second budget would be a request to submit a request based on FY-20 plan design with retention of the low deductible plan design that was introduced after FY-20 with an enhancement for in-house counsel and the reclass of two IT positions, and technical adjustments and actuarially-predicted trends.

**BY:** Member Tom Verducci

**SECOND:** Member Jim Barnes

**VOTE:** Unanimous; the motion carried

8. Presentation and possible action on the status and approval of new PEBP contracts, contract amendments and solicitations (Cari Eaton, Chief Financial Officer) **(For Possible Action)**
  - 8.1 Contract Overview
  - 8.2 New Contracts
    - 8.2.1 Vivo
  - 8.3 Contract Amendments
    - 8.3.1 Segal
    - 8.3.2 Claims Technologies, Inc.
  - 8.4 Contract Solicitations
  - 8.5 Status of Current Solicitations

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 8.2.1**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve authorization of staff for a short-term contract between PEBP and Vivo.

**BY:** Member Leslie Bittleston

**SECOND:** Member April Caughron

**VOTE:** Unanimous; the motion carried

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 8.3.1**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve a contract amendment between PEBP and Segal to retroactively increase the contract's total maximum.

**BY:** Vice Chair Linda Fox

**SECOND:** Member Leslie Bittleston

**VOTE:** Unanimous; the motion carried

**BOARD ACTION ON ITEM 8.3.2**

**MOTION:** Motion to approve a contract amendment to 24030 (Additional \$30,000 of contract authority for Claim Technologies, Inc.).

**BY:** Member Leslie Bittleston

**SECOND:** Vice Chair Linda Fox

**VOTE:** Unanimous; the motion carried

9. Public Comment

- Kent Ervin – Nevada Faculty Alliance

10. Adjournment

- Board Chair Freed adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.