

Minutes

State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees February 24, 2022

The State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees met on February 24, 2022 at 1:00 pm (central) in The Nashville Room, 3rd Floor Tennessee Tower, Nashville, Tennessee and via WebEx.

State Insurance Committee members participating:

Eugene Neubert representing Butch Eley, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Jaclyn Harding, representing Jason Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Carter Lawrence, Commissioner, Commerce and Insurance
Juan Williams, Commissioner, Human Resources
Michelle Consiglio-Young, state employee representative
Terry Carroll, Tennessee State Employees Association
Holly Girgias, representing Higher Education
Rep. Patsy Hazlewood, Chair, House Finance Ways and Means Committee (by teleconference)

Local Education Insurance Committee members participating:

Eugene Neubert, representing Butch Eley, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Jaclyn Harding, representing Jason Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Carter Lawrence, Commissioner, Commerce and Insurance
Maryanne Durski, Department of Education
Scott Langford, middle TN School Employee representative (by teleconference)
Erin Johnson, east TN School Employee representative (by teleconference)
Jennifer White, Tennessee School Boards Association (by teleconference)

Local Government Insurance Committee members participating:

Eugene Neubert representing Butch Eley, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Jaclyn Harding, representing Jason Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Kevin Krushenski, Tennessee Municipal League
Nathan Brock, Tennessee County Services Association (by teleconference)

Deputy Commissioner Neubert called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (central) and noted designees attending on behalf of members. A roll call of attendance noted a quorum from each Committee was present.

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes of October 21, 2021 Meeting (Local Education and Local Government)

Deputy Commissioner Neubert noted that the State Insurance Committee approved the October minutes at their January meeting. Commissioner Lawrence made a motion that the Local Education Insurance Committee approve the October 21, 2021 minutes as presented. Ms. Durski seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Durski	yes	Langford	absent
Johnson	yes	White	yes

On behalf of the Local Government Insurance Committee, Mr. Krushenski made a motion to approve the October 21, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Dubray seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes
Brock	yes		

Agenda Item #2 – Minutes of January 27, 2022 (State Committee)

Commissioner Williams made a motion that the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Ms. Consiglio-Young seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Williams	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Carroll	yes	Girgies	yes
Hazlewood	yes		

Agenda Item #3 – Vision Benefits Contract Award

Deputy Commissioner Neubert called upon Seannalynn Brandmeir, Director of Contracts and Procurement, Benefits Administration (BA), to present the Evaluation Team Report for the Vision Benefits Contract Award. Ms. Brandmeir noted that the RFP for these services was issued on November 16, 2021, and that BA received four proposals including Davis Vision, Fidelity/EyeMed, National Guardian Life (NGL)/National Vision Administrators (NVA), and VSP.

Ms. Brandmeir detailed the response evaluation criteria and the point values for each section. For the Proposal Transmittal and State of Certifications and Assurances and Section A, Mandatory Requirements, all Respondents met the mandatory requirements. Components of

Section B, General Qualifications and Experience, Section C, Technical Qualifications, Experience and Approach, and Section D, Network Analysis, were outlined by Ms. Brandmeir. These sections were scored independently by each member of the Evaluation Team. The cost proposal consisted of two tabs – the basic vision program and expanded vision program monthly premium rates for CY 2023 – 2027. The cost proposal from each Respondent was entered and evaluated by the Solicitation Coordinator using the formulas outlined in the RFP.

Based on the results of the evaluation, the Response Evaluation Team recommended that the State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees enter into a contract with Fidelity/EyeMed for delivery of voluntary vision plan benefits with a contract term beginning April 1, 2022 and extending for a period of 69 months (December 31, 2027). The benefit period for members under this contract will be January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027. The months at the beginning of the contract include time for implementation activities.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Langford joined by teleconference.

In response to member inquiries, BA staff noted that, there were changes to copays and allowances for certain procedures and that the frequency of eyewear had been changed from once every two years to once every year. Executive Director Lee noted the range of increase in premiums and advised that the proposed premiums would be in effect for the five-year contract term. BA staff noted that while the number of providers remained relatively consistent, there were more locations for members to utilize services.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion that the State Insurance Committee adopt the Response Evaluation Team recommendation. Ms. Consiglio-Young seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Williams	yes	Carroll	yes
Consiglio-Young	yes	Girgias	yes
Hazlewood	yes		

On behalf of the Local Education Insurance Committee, Ms. Durski made a motion to adopt the Response Evaluation Team recommendation. Mr. Langford seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Durski	yes	Langford	yes
Johnson	yes	White	yes

On behalf of the Local Government Insurance Committee, Mr. Krushenski made to adopt the Response Evaluation Team recommendation. Ms. Harding seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes
Burton	yes		

Agenda Item #4 – Plan Document Changes

Laurie Lee, Executive Director, BA, informed members that staff continues their extensive review of the Plan Documents to reflect changes in policies and procedures and to better clarify definitions, benefits, and exclusions. Director Lee presented proposed changes to Sections 9 and 10 related to plan provisions for plan amendment and termination and privacy and security of protected health information.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion that the State Insurance Committee approve the Plan Document changes as presented. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Williams	yes	Carroll	yes
Consiglio-Young	yes	Girgies	yes
Hazlewood	yes		

On behalf of the Local Education Insurance Committee, Ms. Durski made a motion to approve the Plan Document changes as presented. Mr. Langford seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Durski	yes	Langford	yes
Johnson	yes	White	yes

On behalf of the Local Government Insurance Committee, Mr. Krushenski made a motion to approve the Plan Document changes as presented. Ms. Harding seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes
Burton	yes		

Agenda Item #5 – New Business – Clarification of State Employee Representative Selection Procedures

Executive Director Lee advised that the nomination process for state employee representatives to the State Insurance Committee was underway, with new terms effective July 1, 2022. The Committee was presented with two clarifications to the selection process for consideration:

- Approval to accept electronic signatures; and
- Approval to accept multiple petition documents for candidate endorsement to reach the required twenty-five endorsements.

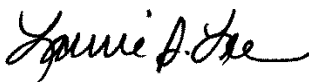
Members were advised that these clarifications align with Treasury’s procedure for Board of Trustee selection process and that BA anticipates having a fully electronic process for the next election scheduled for 2025.

Ms. Girgies made a motion that the State Insurance Committee approve the clarifications to the selection process as presented. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, which passed with the following roll call vote:

Neubert	yes	Harding	yes
Dubray	yes	Lawrence	yes
Williams	yes	Carroll	yes
Consiglio-Young	yes	Girgies	yes
Hazlewood	yes		

The next meeting of the State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees is scheduled for March 24, 2022. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Laurie S. Lee