

Minutes

State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees
September 24, 2020
1:00 pm (central)

The State, Local Education and Local Government Insurance Committees met on September 24, 2020 at 1:00 pm (central) via WebEx.

State Insurance Committee members attending:

Butch Eley, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Rachel Buckley, representing Justin Wilson, Comptroller of the Treasury
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Hodgen Mainda, Commissioner, Commerce and Insurance
Juan Williams, Commissioner, Human Resources
Michelle Consiglio-Young, state employee representative
Randy Stamps, Tennessee State Employees Association
Rob Chance, representing Higher Education
Senator Bo Watson, Chair, Senate Finance Ways and Means Committee
Representative Susan Lynn, Chair, House Finance Ways and Means Committee

Local Education Insurance Committee members attending:

Butch Eley, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Rachel Buckley, representing Justin Wilson, Comptroller of the Treasury
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Hodgen Mainda, Commissioner, Commerce and Insurance
Maryanne Durski, Department of Education
Erin Johnson, East Tennessee Teacher Representative
Scott Langford, Middle Tennessee Teacher Representative
Jennifer White, Tennessee School Board Association

Local Government Insurance Committee members attending:

Butch Eley, Commissioner, Finance and Administration
Rachel Buckley, representing Justin Wilson, Comptroller of the Treasury
Rick Dubray, representing David Lillard, State Treasurer
Kevin Krushenski, Tennessee Municipal League
Nathan Brock, Tennessee County Services Association

Commissioner Eley called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm (central). A roll call attendance noted a quorum was present for each Committee. Commissioner Eley advised that Executive Order #60 signed by Governor Lee provides that a governing body may conduct essential business by electronic means without a quorum of members present in the same location, if the governing body determines

that meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The items on the agenda for the Committees' consideration included:

- Minutes of August 27, 2020
- Approval of Request for Proposals for Dental PPO contract
- Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

Senator Watson made a motion that the State Insurance Committee approve proceeding electronically without a quorum present at the same location. Commissioner Eley seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	yes
Williams	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Stamps	yes	Chance	yes
Watson	yes	Lynn	yes

On behalf of the Local Education Insurance Committee, Commissioner Eley made a motion to approve proceeding electronically without a quorum present at the same location. Mr. Langford seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	yes
Durski	yes	Langford	yes
Johnson	yes	White	yes

On behalf of the Local Government Insurance Committee, Commissioner Eley made a motion to approve proceeding electronically without a quorum present at the same location. Mr. Krushenski seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes

Agenda Item #1 – Minutes of August 27, 2020 Meeting

Commissioner Mainda made a motion that the State Insurance Committee approve the minutes as presented. Representative Lynn seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	yes
Williams	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Stamps	yes	Chance	yes
Watson	yes	Lynn	yes

On behalf of the Local Education Insurance Committee, Commissioner Eley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Durski seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	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 minutes as presented. Mr. Dubray seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Request for Proposals for Dental PPO contract

Laurie Lee, Executive Director, Benefits Administration (BA) presented this item giving background on the initial contract award, protests filed and an informal protest hearing held by the Central Procurement Office (CPO). Members were advised that BA requested that CPO cancel the DPPO procurement and that CPO had granted that request. Ms. Lee recommended approval to issue the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the DPPO offering for services effective January 1, 2022. She referenced the on-going work of the Procurement Subcommittee noting that BA had started to incorporate suggestions and recommendations into new procurements that were being developed as part of the Subcommittee’s efforts.

Senator Watson made a motion that the State Insurance Committee approve the reissuance of the RFP for DPPO services. Representative Lynn seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	yes
Williams	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Stamps	yes	Chance	yes
Watson	yes	Lynn	yes

On behalf of the Local Education Insurance Committee, Ms. Durski made a motion to approve the reissuance of the RFP for DPPO services. Ms. White seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	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 reissuance of the RFP for DPPO services. Ms. Buckley seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes

Agenda Item #3 – Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2021 meeting scheduled was presented for approval by the Committees.

Commissioner Eley made a motion, on behalf of the State Insurance Committee, that the 2021 meeting schedule be approved as presented. Commissioner Mainda seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	yes
Williams	yes	Consiglio-Young	yes
Stamps	yes	Chance	yes
Watson	yes	Lynn	yes

On behalf of the Local Education Insurance Committee, Commissioner Eley made a motion to approve the 2021 meeting schedule. Ms. Durski seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Mainda	yes
Durski	yes	Langford	yes
Johnson	yes	White	yes

On behalf of the Local Government Insurance Committee, Commissioner Eley made a motion to approve the reissuance of the RFP for DPPO services. Mr. Krushenski seconded the motion which passed with the following roll call vote:

Eley	yes	Buckley	yes
Dubray	yes	Krushenski	yes

Agenda Item #4 – Updates

Shared Savings Report

Ms. Lee advised that in 2019 the General Assembly passed Public Chapter 507 that directed the State Insurance Committee to report on examples of shared savings programs in other states. In December 2019, the State Insurance Committee approved publication of the report and BA committed to

considering whether a shared savings program was cost effective. As the current third party administrator (TPA) contracts will end December 31, 2021, BA determined that it would not be advisable to implement a shared savings program until the results of the procurement were finalized. Ms. Lee advised that BA would incorporate provisions into future contracts which would require TPAs to implement shared savings program at BA's direction.

Members were reminded of the value-based initiatives in the Plan's current benefit design to steer members to providers that achieve both high quality metrics and lower cost, i.e. bariatric and transplant surgery, preferred substance use disorder network and others. In response to member inquiry, Dr. Andrea Dowdy, Clinical Director, BA, described how members were made aware of the programs offering high quality and low cost and how they interacted with each provider offering these programs.

Subcommittee to Review Procurement Activities

Commissioner Eley extended his appreciation to the members of the Procurement Subcommittee on their willingness to serve and their efforts to date. Ms. Lee noted that the Subcommittee's charge was to review the procurement process and identify best practices to ensure timely implementation of procurement results. The Subcommittee has met twice and are working to develop recommendations to improve BA's procurement process within the statutory framework. The Subcommittee is schedule to meet on October 1, 2020 to discuss final recommendations. Committee members were advised that BA has already employed many of the Subcommittee's recommendations for upcoming procurements.

COVID-19 Reporting

The Committees accepted a recommendation that BA provide COVID-19 reporting on a monthly basis instead of a weekly basis. Members were advised that they would receive one final weekly report and beginning in October they would receive a report at the end of each month.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie S. Lee