

# CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



## Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024

10:00 am at BeneSys Office, Troy, MI via In-Person and via Conference Call

### Trustees:

Chet Opolski  
Tracy Shippy  
Richard Kosmack  
Dan Bojalad  
Greg Trozak  
Brian Roehl  
Floyd Allen (*via phone*)

### Role:

Chairman  
Vice-Chair  
Trustee  
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**Others present:** Rob Roberts and Kelly Lahr, Priority Health

Steve Pinkos and Hector Negroni, Foundation Credit (*via Teams*)  
Brian Green, Mariner  
Louis Sinagra (*via phone*)

**Legal Representation:** Aaron Castle

**BeneSys Representation:** Violet Gjorgjevski and Jennifer Crosby

The meeting was held In-Person at the BeneSys Office, Troy, MI

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Opolski at 10:00 am.

**Motion** – To accept the agenda for December 16, 2024: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### Public Comment – None

### Priority Health – Rob Roberts and Kelly Lahr

Mr. Roberts informed the Board that the 2025 enrollments have been received from BeneSys, processed and ID Cards mailed. The OTC cards have been mailed out to participants. The gym membership is in place with One Pass and there will be one more flyer going out to participants after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

He reminded the Board that participants who receive invoices to pay for the Medicare Part B may have a delay in seeing the Part B Credit of \$75 because invoices are mailed in December for first quarter 2025. It will show on their second quarter invoice.

### **Regular Minutes**

**Motion** – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 25, 2024: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried

### **Financial Consultant – Brian Green, Mariner**

Mr. Green had no formal report for the Board.

### **Financial Reports**

BeneSys provided the November 2024 Fifth Third Statement as well as Financial Statements for October 2024. Outstanding invoices were also presented to the Board for approval.

**Motion** - pay the Bills as provided: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.***

### **Foundation Credit – Steve Pinkos & Hector Negroni**

Mr. Pinkos reviewed Foundation Credit Debt Fund I. The investment period concluded in August 2024 with 17 total investments made. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, quarter end overall performance is a net IRR of 10.4% with a 7.7% current income distribution yield.

Mr. Pinkos and Mr. Negroni went on to discuss their Foundation Credit Debt Fund II which had its first close August 2024 and will continue to raise capital until February 2026.

### **Administrative Reports**

#### **A. Appeals**

- a. **2761107199**

**Motion** – To approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2761107199 and allow enrollment in the Non-Medicare 65+ HRA effective January 1, 2024, as required documentation was provided: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**b. 2796093598**

**Motion** – To approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2796093598 and allow enrollment in the Non-Medicare 65+ HRA effective January 1, 2024, as required documentation was provided: **By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad.**

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**c. 2839688457**

**Motion** – To approve the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2839688457 and participant to submit 2023 HRA Claims after the March 31, 2024, deadline but must be submitted by December 31, 2023: **By T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack.**

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

**Legal Report**

**A. VEBA Coverage Period**

Mr. Castle provided a draft restatement of the VEBA Plan document incorporating a 90-Day run out period for MA-PD coverage terminations under the VEBA.

**Motion** – To approve to approve the restatement of the VEBA Plan document incorporating a 90-Day run out period for MA-PD coverage terminations under the VEBA as presented: **By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack.**

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

**B. Trustee Stipends**

Mr. Castle informed the Board that considering the Board's action to increase the monthly stipends payable to VEBA Trustees, he is providing a copy of Section 8 of the RHC Trust Agreement, as amended, as well as the Board's Trustee Stipend Policy for further discussion. Discussion took place.

**Motion** – To amend the policy resolution regarding Trustee Stipends to increase the association members stipend amount to \$200.00 per meeting: **By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy.**

- Abstained – G. Trozak & R. Kosmack
- Motion Carried

**Motion** – To amend the policy resolution regarding Trustee Stipends to increase the independent and professional Board members stipend amount to \$750.00 per meeting: *By R. Kosmack, seconded by D. Bojalad.*

- Abstained – T. Shippy & B. Roehl

- Motion Carried

### **C. VEBA Grant Funds**

Mr. Castle updated the Board that the Mackinac Center Legal Foundation had filed an Amicus Brief. Butzel filed a response. The Defendants' Motion to Dismiss hearing scheduled for January 22, 2025.

#### **Correspondence**

##### **A. BeneSys Navigator 4Q 2024**

###### **Business Agent Report**

Mr. Opolski informed the Board that he has sent out a couple of Newsletters since the last meeting with information for participants enrolled in Priority Health. He has received several responses to these Newsletters from participants thanking the Board for all they do to provide the best for them.

He also brought up the thought of eliminating the Under \$75K HRA and the FLP HRA as there are only 15 people enrolled in these HRA programs right now. Instead, the standard HRA options can be balanced out to be more beneficial to all. He would like to have this included for discussion when it comes time to discuss 2026 benefits.

Lastly, Mr. Opolski discussed changes to the April/May meeting schedule to accommodate the MAPERS conference/the Easter holiday and allow spacing between meetings. Discussion took place and the changes were agreed upon. Ms. Crosby will update and post the meeting schedule.

###### **New Business - None**

###### **Unfinished Business**

###### **A. Appeal 2725437915**

This previously tabled Appeal was discussed by the Board.

**Motion** – To deny the Level 2 Appeal for participant 2725437915, spouse has been determined to be not eligible for benefits through the VEBA and the coverage is to be terminated December 31, 2024: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by G. Trozak.***

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

**B. Direct Deposit Letter/Form in Checks for December 2024**

Ms. Crosby updated the Board that the Direct Deposit Letter/Form is being placed in with all the mailed HRA checks for the month of December per the Board's request.

**Trustee Comment/Open Forum**

**Adjournment**

**Motion** – to adjourn: ***by D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.***

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.