

# CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:30 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 (*via phone*)

Role:

Chairman

Vice-Chair

Trustee

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Absent Trustee:

Floyd Allen

**Others present:** Rob Roberts, Priority Health

Abra Hill and Zari Gano, GRS (*via Teams*)

Louis Sinagra (*via phone*)

**Legal Representation:** Aaron Castle and Angelica Brown, VMT Law

**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 9:31 am.

**Motion** – To accept the agenda for May 28, 2025: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Public Comment – None**

*Trustee Brian Roehl joined via phone at 9:33 a.m.*

### **Priority Health – Rob Roberts**

Mr. Roberts addressed the Board to discuss the renewal for the 2026 benefit year. He provided rates that are a 4.5% increase from 2025. The Trust had a 5% cap, so these rates come in just under the cap. These rates are with no benefit enhancements. He stated that if the Board would like to increase the Medicare Part B Credit for 2026, he needs to know the amount by end of day tomorrow to file timely with CMS.

### **GRS – Abra Hill and Zari Gano**

Ms. Hill presented the Actuarial Valuation for December 31, 2024, to the Board. As of December 31, 2024, the value of assets is \$219.2 Million, and the funded percentage is 131.7%. The Board reviewed different scenarios with GRS for potential benefit enhancements and how it could affect the funded percentage. The Board requested that the final report model an increase of \$25 and \$50 for the Medicare Part B Credit and HRA's with the exception of the HRA categories capped at \$400 per month. In addition, the Board would like to remove the Retiree Below FPL in Non-Medicaid Expansion State because any member in this category would benefit more from the Non-Medicare Eligible Retiree/Spouse/Surviving Spouse with under \$75K Household Income on Public Exchange.

**Motion** – To increase the Priority Health Medicare Part B Credit from \$75 to \$125 per month and increase all HRA categories by \$50 per month apart from the HRA categories capped at \$400 per month for the 2026 benefit year: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by D. Bojalad.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Regular Minutes**

**Motion** – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 28, 2025, as presented: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Financial Reports**

BeneSys provided the April 2025 Fifth Third Traditional Statement and the Financial Statement for March 2025. Outstanding invoices were presented by BeneSys to the Board for approval.

**Motion** - pay the Bills as provided: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

## Administrative Reports

### **A. Appeal 2698641600**

Ms. Gjorgjevski presented the Appeal to the Board. The Board reviewed and discussed the Level 2 Appeal with BeneSys and legal counsel.

**Motion** – to deny Appeal 2698641600 as being untimely: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

## Legal Report

Ms. Crosby provided a handout to the Board from Ms. Brown regarding the peer actuarial audit requirements of PA 202 in relation to a recently drafted letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury providing guidance and information regarding compliance with Public Act 202. Ms. Brown reviewed and answered questions regarding the matter. Mr. Castle noted that although the actuarial audit requirements of PA 202 do not necessarily apply to the VEBA, which was created outside the requirements of Michigan Public Act 314, he did point out that the Board may want to consider regular actuarial audits as a fiduciary best practice when it conducts due diligence with respect to its actuarial services.

### **A. 24 – 25 Michigan Case Update**

Mr. Castle informed the Board that this information was discussed at the MAPERS Spring Conference and provided for informational purposes.

### **B. VEBA Grant Funds**

Mr. Castle stated there was not an update at this time.

## Correspondence

- A. BeneSys Response to DOL Cybersecurity Guidelines 2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2025**
- B. Foundation Infrastructure Debt Fund Investor Letter 1<sup>st</sup> Q 2025**

## Business Agent Report

Mr. Opolski updated the Board that he had been on vacation and returned in time to attend the MAPERS Spring Conference this past weekend which he felt was very informative and offered a lot of insight and education.

## New Business

### **A. MAPERS Certificate and Expense Reimbursement – Opolski**

Ms. Crosby presented Mr. Opolski's MAPERS Certificate and expense reimbursement for Mr. Opolski and as a handout she provided the same for Ms. Shippy.

**Motion** – to approve reimbursement of expenses for the MAPERS Spring Conference for both Mr. Opolski and Ms. Shippy: *By G. Trozak, seconded by D. Bojalad.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Unfinished Business**

**A. Actuarial Valuation December 31, 2024**

This matter has been completed and was reported by GRS earlier in the meeting.

**Trustee Comment/Open Forum**

**Motion** – to approve the 2026 Priority Health renewal as stated by Mr. Roberts and increase the Medicare Part B buyback by \$50: *By R. Kosmack, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Adjournment**

**Motion** – to adjourn: *by T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.