

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 22, 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
Floyd Allen (*via phone*)

Role:

Chairman
Vice-Chair
Trustee
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Others present: Kelly Lahr, Priority Health (*via Teams*)
Louis Sinagra (*via phone*)

Legal Representation: Aaron Castle and Angelica Brown, VMT Law

BeneSys Representation: Violet Gjorgjevski & Jennifer Crosby

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Opolski at 9:30 am.

Motion – To accept the agenda for July 30, 2025: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Public Comment – None

Priority Health – Kelly Lahr

Ms. Lahr informed the Board that Robo calls will be going out to all participants regarding keeping their OTC Cards for 2026, they will be reloaded. She also updated the Board that effective January 1, 2026, tier one drugs can be written for 100 days rather than 90 days with the same cost to the participant.

Mr. Opolski asked about a communication participants received from Priority Health informing them of two upcoming changes. First, starting October 6, 2025, “Home Health Services” will no longer require prior authorization. Second, OneTouch diabetic supplies will no longer be covered when dispensed by a retail or mail-order pharmacy. He mentioned concern about the change with OneTouch diabetic supplies. Ms. Lahr explained that OneTouch is filing bankruptcy and that is why this change is being made.

Regular Minutes

Motion – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 27, 2025: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by T. Shippy***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Financial Consultant – Brian Green, Mariner

Mr. Green updated the Board that his firm is working on the Small Cap Search.

The portfolio showed solid performance as of September 18, 2025. The total fund is up 3%.

Financial Reports

BeneSys provided the August 2025 Fifth Third Statement and the Financial Statement for July 2025. Outstanding invoices were presented by BeneSys to the Board for approval.

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

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Administrative Reports

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

A. Appeal 2732286792

Motion – to deny Appeal 2732286792 as being untimely: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by B. Roehl***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Legal Report

A. Letter to Option Beneficiary

Mr. Castle provided a updated draft of the Letter to be sent to Surviving Spouses that were not included in benefits by the retiree before they passed away. Discussion took place.

Motion – to approve the Letter to Option Beneficiary, as amended: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

B. Open Enrollment Cost Sharing

Mr. Castle provided a draft letter requesting that all providers that provide coverage to the members of the VEBA share the printing and mailing costs for Open Enrollment. Discussion took place. It was agreed to have BeneSys send a courtesy email to providers asking them to contribute to the cost of printing and mailing for Open Enrollment

Motion – to approve the letter to providers for Cost Sharing of Open Enrollment printing and mailing as provided: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

C. VEBA Grant Funds

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

Correspondence

A. BeneSys Response to DOL Cybersecurity Guidelines Q3 2025

Business Agent Report

A. Communication from Priority Health

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Opolski informed the Board that the Fall MAPERS Conference was excellent.

Mr. Opolski has been sending out Newsletters to members with Priority Health and Open Enrollment updates.

New Business

A. Trustee Reimbursement for Fall MAPERS – Kosmack

Motion – to approve the reimbursement for Trustee Kosmack as provided: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Unfinished Business

A. RDPFFA Pension Reports for Surviving Spouses

Ms. Crosby provided a sample of the report given to BeneSys by RDPFFA. This information is the same as what is provided to BeneSys by the City of Detroit Retirement System. She will use this report to mail out the letter to Option Beneficiaries.

B. 2026 Open Enrollment Printing/Mailing

Ms. Crosby updated the Board that the Pre-Open Enrollment Letters were mailed out to members on September 17, 2025. The Open Enrollment Packets will be mailed out on September 24, 2025.

Trustee Comment/Open Forum

Adjournment

Motion – to adjourn: *by T. Shippy, seconded by B. Roehl*

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.