

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 27, 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: Rob Roberts, Priority Health (*via Teams*)

Louis Sinagra (*via phone*)

Legal Representation: Aaron Castle (*via phone*) 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 9:31 am.

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

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Legal Report

A. Letter to Option Beneficiary

Mr. Castle provided a 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. Mr. Castle will soften the language per the Board's request.

B. Open Enrollment Cost Sharing

Discussion took place at the previous meeting regarding asking Priority Health and COPS Trust to share the cost of Open Enrollment Packet printing and mailing. Mr. Castle will work on communication to the vendors for the next meeting.

C. VEBA Grant Funds

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

Priority Health – Rob Roberts

Mr. Roberts updated the Board that customer service issues brought to his attention are being handled in a timely fashion. He will be following up with TruHearing regarding their appointment verification communication to members because he hasn't heard any updates lately.

Public Comment – None

Regular Minutes

Motion – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from July 30, 2025, the Admin Committee Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2025: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Financial Reports

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

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

- 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 2805235528

Motion – to approve Appeal 2805235528 to allow member to add his spouse and enroll her into the Medicare Opt-Out HRA effective January 1, 2024, and to allow the member and spouse to submit HRA claims for 2024 past the March 31 deadline: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by G. Trozak***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Correspondence

A. Manquen Vance Communication Regarding Acquisition by Gallagher

Trustee Allen joined the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Business Agent Report

Mr. Opolski updated the Board that he continues to work with members daily mostly assisting them with Priority Health issues or concerns.

New Business - None

Unfinished Business

A. Actuarial Valuation Recommendations Response from GRS

The Board had previously reviewed the final version of the Actuarial Valuation for December 31, 2024. There was a recommendation listed in the valuation that states the administrator, BeneSys, separately track the HRA benefit payments for Non-Medicare Advantage members and Medicare Advantage members. BeneSys already does this when providing census data to the actuary and has for the past several years. The Board had stated that they would like this section to be either removed or more details provided for future valuations. Ms. Hill from GRS responded that they agreed, this is something that can be removed from the report and from future data discussions.

B. 2026 Open Enrollment Printing/Mailing

Ms. Crosby informed the Board that the Open Enrollment letters would be going into the mail on September 17, 2025, and the Open Enrollment packets will be mailed on September 24, 2025.

Trustee Comment/Open Forum

Adjournment

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

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.