

# CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



## Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 25, 2023

9:30 am at BeneSys Office, Troy, MI via In-Person and via Conference Call

### Trustees:

Chet Opolski  
Richard Kosmack  
Dan Bojalad  
Brian Roehl  
Tracy Shippy  
Greg Trozak

### Role:

Chairman  
Trustee  
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**Others present:** Floyd Allen, Trustee (via phone)  
Louis Sinagra, Member (via phone)  
Brian Green, Investment Consultant, AndCo.

**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 9:30 am.

**Motion** – To accept the agenda for September 25, 2023: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Public Comment - None**

### **Regular Minutes**

**Motion** – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from August 22, 2023, and the Admin Committee Meeting Minutes from September 18, 2023: *By R. Kosmack, seconded by G. Trozak.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Financial Consultants – AndCo.**

Mr. Green reviewed a Snapshot of the current investments and asset allocations with the Admin Committee. He informed the Admin Committee that Boyd Watterson State Government Fund has issued a capital call for \$1M. He then gave a review of Emerging Markets Managers and made recommendations for replacing the existing passive Emerging Markets exposure.

**Motion** – Per the recommendation of the Admin Committee that the Boyd Watterson State Government Fund capital call be funded by reducing the iShares/Fidelity S&P US Value Fund as recommended by AndCo: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by T. Shippy.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

**Motion** – Per the recommendation of the Admin Committee to replace the existing passive Emerging Markets exposure (via iShares/Fidelity) with the ABS Emerging Markets Strategic Portfolio as recommended by AndCo.: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by D. Bojalad.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Financial Reports**

BeneSys provided the August 2023 Fifth Third Statement, the August 2023 Morgan Stanley Statement, and the July 2023 Financial Statements for review.

**Motion** – to review and accept the Fifth Third, Morgan Stanley and Financial Statements and to pay the Bills for Approval: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Administrative Reports/Administrative Committee Report**

Ms. Gjorgjevski presented the Appeals to the Admin Committee. Discussion took place.

#### **A. Appeal 2683572511**

**Motion** – per the recommendation of the Admin Committee to approve the Appeal for participant 2683572511: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by B. Roehl.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **B. Appeal 2684668613**

**Motion** – per the recommendation of the Admin Committee to approve the Appeal for participant 2684668613: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **C. Appeal 2812803053**

**Motion** – per the recommendation of the Admin Committee to approve the Appeal for participant 2812803053: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by G. Trozak.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **D. Appeal 4114749727**

**Motion** – per the recommendation of the Admin Committee to approve the Appeal for participant 4114749727: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by T. Shippy.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Legal Report**

Mr. Castle provided and reviewed the draft letter requested to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity from the Board of Trustees regarding the Detroit VEBA Healthcare Grants.

**Motion** – to authorize the Chairman to sign the DOL letter on behalf of the Board: ***By G. Trozak, seconded by R. Kosmack.***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Correspondence - None**

### **Business Agent Report**

#### **A. NAPO January Conference Information**

Chairman Opolski provided the NAPO January Conference information to the Board. If a trustee would like to attend, they will need to obtain Board approval to do so.

Mr. Opolski updated the Board that a concern about him only be available to members at the RDPFFA office two days a week may be frustrating to members of the VEBA. If a member calls on an occasion where he is not there, they will have to wait several days for a return call. Discussion to possible solutions took place. He will investigate some of the options suggested. There have been no complaints from members, but he wants to be sure to address the concern.

Mr. Opolski informed the Board that Ms. Crosby brought to his attention last week that members were calling the BeneSys office stating that they received enrollment information from Kapnick while they were receiving the VEBA's 2023 Enrollment Letters. Kapnick is the TPA for the active Police & Fire retirees, those who retired after January 1, 2015. Ms. Crosby stated that she thinks that it is Surviving Spouses that are receiving this mailing from Kapnick because the retirement date for a Surviving Spouse becomes the date the member passed away. Which means a lot of those dates are past January 1, 2015. The Board asked that Ms. Crosby reach out to Kapnick to get details as to why their mailing is going to our members and report back.

## **New Business**

### **A. Updated Authorized Signers**

Ms. Crosby asked that the Trustees all sign an updated Authorized Signers form because the one on file was out of date.

### **B. Chet Opolski MAPERS 2023 Fall Conference Expense Reimbursement**

**Motion** – to authorize reimbursement of Mr. Opolski's expenses from the MAPERS Fall 2023 conference: *By D. Bojalad, seconded by B. Roehl.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **C. Robbins Geller Rudman & Dowd – Custodial Direction Letter**

**Motion** – to authorize Mr. Opolski to execute the provided Custodial Direction Letter for Robbins Geller Rudman and Dowd and Fifth Third Bank: *By G. Trozak, seconded by B. Roehl.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

## **Unfinished Business**

### **A. Priority Health PPO 2024 Summary of Benefits/Rate Sheet**

### **B. Priority Health HMO 2024 Summary of Benefits/Rate Sheet**

**Motion** – To approve for signature, the Priority Health PPO and HMO Summary of Benefits and Rate Sheets as presented: *By T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack.*

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **C. Priority Health Plan Comparison Document**

Priority Health provided this document to the Board for review. They will have this document available at the Open Enrollment Meetings to compare the 2023 benefit versus the improvements made for 2024.

### **C. BeneSys – HRA Duplication Error**

Ms. Crosby updated regarding the additional 11 spouses who received a duplicate HRA Reimbursement direct deposit in March 2023. As of today's meeting, nine have repaid their overpayment. The remaining two will be having their future HRA Contributions reduced until they have paid back the fund.

## **Trustee Comment/Open Forum**

Additional discussion took place regarding the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, Detroit VEBA Healthcare Grants.

### **Adjournment**

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

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:47 am.