

CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

9:30 a.m. at BeneSys Office, Troy, MI via In-Person and via Microsoft Teams

Trustees:

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

Role:

Chairman
Vice-Chairperson
Trustee
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Others present: **Rob Roberts & Kelly Lahr, Priority Health** *(via Teams)*
Brian Green, Mariner
Louis Sinagra *(via Teams)*

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

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

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

Motion – To accept the agenda for May 27, 2026: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Public Comment

Mr. Sinagra addressed the Board with a list of concerns:

- Issues with Utilizing Teams
- The FOIA Document on the Participant Website is outdated
- Requesting update on VEBA Grant

Mr. Opolski stated that Ms. Crosby will follow up with him for assistance with Teams. Legal counsel will review the FOIA document and will make any needed updates. Mr. Castle provided a brief update regarding the VEBA Grant.

Trustee Floyd Allen joined the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

Priority Health – Rob Roberts and Kelly Lahr

Mr. Roberts had no formal report or updates for the Board. He said they are ready to begin discussing the 2027 renewal whenever the Board is ready. Mr. Opolski stated that decisions would be made today regarding the 2027 renewal, and he will inform Mr. Roberts.

Regular Minutes

Motion – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2026, and the Admin Committee Meeting Minutes and Closed Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2026, as presented : ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by B. Roehl***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Financial Consultant – Brian Green, Mariner

A. Investment Performance Review – March 31, 2026

B. Asset Manager Summary as of May 26, 2026

Mr. Green provided a market update as of May 26, 2026. The portfolio is up 5.04% for the Quarter, above the policy index. Year to date the portfolio is up 5.09%, also above the policy index.

Financial Reports

BeneSys provided the April 2026 Fifth Third Statement, the Financial Statements for March 2026. Outstanding invoices were presented by BeneSys to the Board for approval.

Motion – to approve payment of the Bills as provided: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Administrative Reports

A. Appeals

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

a. 2725662342

Motion – to approve Appeal 2725662342 to allow spouse to have 2025 HRA claims paid after the March 31, 2026, deadline: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

B. BeneSys Claims Accuracy Report 1Q 2026

Ms. Gjorgjevski reviewed the first quarter of 2026 claims accuracy performance report with the Board. She informed the Board that BeneSys did meet the performance guarantee for claims accuracy for the first quarter of 2026.

Legal Report

Mr. Castle informed the Board that the Self-Payment Termination/Reinstatement Standard and Appeal Approval Standard for Previous Year HRA Reimbursement are in progress, and he will provide responses at the next meeting.

Business Agent Report

Mr. Opolski shared with the Board that he and Ms. Shippy attended the MAPERS Spring Conference.

Mr. Opolski continues to work with members regarding Priority Health issues and concerns.

New Business

A. MAPERS Reimbursement – Chet Opolski

B. MAPERS Reimbursement – Tracy Shippy

Motion –to approve MAPERS Reimbursement for Chet Opolski and Tracy Shippy as provided:
By R. Kosmack, seconded by D. Bojalad

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Mr. Roehl brought up per diem allotment for Meals and discussion took place. Mr. Castle will review the Trustee Travel and Expense Policy.

C. 2027 Benefit Plan Year

Motion – to approve the Priority Health 2027 Renewal with a 3% premium increase that includes reducing the Urgent Care Co-Pay from \$25 to \$10, increase the Medicare Part B Buy Back by \$50 PM/PM, increase the HRA contributions amounts by \$50 per month except those capped at \$400 per month: ***By T. Shippy, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Ms. Crosby mentioned to the Board that the Dental and Vision coverage is up for renewal with COPS Trust. Mr. Opolski will reach out to Mr. Schneider with COPS Trust to get the renewal information.

Ms. Shippy requested that the Board allow her to get a Dental and Vision coverage quote through Humana.

Motion –to authorize Vice-Chair Shippy to search out ways to enhance, improve and potentially reduce the cost of benefits for participants: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

Unfinished Business

A. Self-Payment Termination/Reinstatement Standard (Current)

The current policy regarding direct billing, self-payment, was provided for the Board. Legal counsel will be providing an updated draft of the policy.

B. Appeal Approval Standard for Previous Year HRA Reimbursement

This matter is in progress by Legal counsel.

C. Actuarial Valuation December 31, 2025

Ms. Crosby updated the Board saying that the report will be available in time for the June Board Meeting.

Correspondence

A. Member Thank You Letter/Gift Card/Response

B. Priority Health Billing Update Communication

Trustee Comment/Open Forum

Adjournment

Motion – to adjourn: ***by D. Bojalad, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.