

# CITY OF DETROIT POLICE AND FIRE RETIREE HEALTHCARE TRUST



## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 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 and Kelly Lahr, Priority Health (*via Teams*)  
Brian Green, Mariner  
Louis Sinagra (*via phone*)

**Legal Representation:** Aaron Castle VMT Law

**BeneSys Representation:** Violet Gjorgjevski

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 June 25, 2025: ***By D. Bojalad, seconded by T. Shippy***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### Public Comment – None

### Priority Health – Rob Roberts

Mr. Roberts and Ms. Lahr addressed the Board to discuss some concerns they were made aware of at the RDPFFA Event in Frankenmuth the week prior, specifically some members they spoke to. They have already been in contact with those members to help address and correct their concerns. Other Priority Health concerns have been addressed to correct and educate those necessary.

A few items of concern were 1. The hearing aid benefit timing, the benefits should be a once-a-year benefit and not a 12-month benefit and 2. members should not be paying co-pay for rechargeable hearing aid. Mr. Roberts and Ms. Lahr will be back in contact with Chairman Opolski to confirm these benefits.

### **Regular Minutes**

**Motion** – To approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2025, as presented: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by T. Shippy***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **Financial Consultant – Brian Green, Mariner**

#### **A. Asset/Manager Summary as of June 17, 2025**

Mr. Green reviewed the current market value and allocations as of June 17, 2025, compared it to the targets and provided a recommendation rebalance. Mr. Green's recommendation is to move a total of \$3M from US Equity to Global Equity.

#### **B. Recommended Rebalance**

The recommendation breakdown is to move \$1.5M from Fidelity S&P 500 and \$1.5M from Hamlin Equity for a total of \$3M to Total Global Equity.

**Motion** – To, per the recommendation of Mr. Green to move \$1.5M from Fidelity S&P 500 and \$1.5M from Hamlin Equity for a total of \$3M to Total Global Equity: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

#### **C. Foundation Infrastructure Debt Fund II LP Consent Letter**

Mr. Green provided a letter received from Foundation Infrastructure Debt Fund II regarding an upcoming transaction involving a partnership with Prosperity Life Insurance Group. The letter was reviewed by both Legal and Mariner and recommended to the Board for approval for signature.

**Motion** – To, per the recommendation of Fund Legal and Mariner to approve signature of the consent letter as provided by Foundation Infrastructure Debt Fund II LP: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by R. Kosmack***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

## **Financial Reports**

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

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

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

## **Administrative Reports**

### **A. Appeal 2789800612**

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

**Motion** – to approve Appeal 2789800612 to allow member to enroll in Priority Health effective September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, and to allow the member to submit HRA claims for 2024 past the March 31 deadline: ***By B. Roehl, seconded by D. Bojalad***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **B. Appeal 2809553555**

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

**Motion** – to approve Appeal 2809553555 to allow member to submit claims for 2024 past the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline: ***By R. Kosmack, seconded by G. Trozak***

- Motion Carried – Unanimously

### **C. Annual Outstanding Check Report**

The Outstanding Check Report was provided for review, however, it will be added back on the next meeting agenda when Ms. Crosby is available to discuss in detail with the Board.

## **Legal Report**

### **A. VEBA Grant Funds**

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

## **Correspondence**

- A. BeneSys Navigator 2nd Quarter 2025**
- B. MAPERS 2025 Fall Conference Agenda**
- C. Foundation Credit Article from Bloomberg**

## **Business Agent Report**

Mr. Opolski had nothing to report at this time.

## **New Business**

### **A. Member Meeting Sheet**

Ms. Crosby prepared the Member Meeting Sheet for 2026, which includes the location, date and time of the meeting. This sheet will be included in the mailing with the Open Enrollment information. There will be one meeting for the 2026 Open Enrollment period and this has been mentioned at the RDPFFA membership meetings already.

### **B. 2026 Open Enrollment Document Drafts**

Ms. Crosby prepared the 2026 Open Enrollment information for the Boards review and discussion at the next Board meeting.

### **C. Historic Benefit Data Sheet**

Ms. Crosby prepared a historical benefit data sheet that includes health care rates dating back to 2019 when BeneSys became the Administrator for the Trust to keep a record.

## **Unfinished Business**

### **A. Priority Health 2026 Rate Sheets Executed**

These documents were executed and provided for the Boards records.

## **Trustee Comment/Open Forum**

Trustee Roehl discussed the increase in healthcare rates and pointed out his concerns with possible discrepancies from the assumptions being used in the annual actuarial valuations. Mr. Castle indicated that the Board may want to consider having its actuary, GRS, conduct and actuarial experience study of the VEBA in order to consider any recommended adjustments to the actuarial assumptions being used.

## **Adjournment**

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

- Motion Carried - Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.