

State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Advisory Commission Minutes

January 14, 2025

The Arkansas State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Employee Advisory Commission met on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was recorded and is available upon request through the Department of Transformation and Shared Services. The following members were present:

ASE Commission Members Present:

Ronda Walthall

Marty Casteel

Jerry Jones

Cynthia Dunlap

PSE Commission Members Present:

Julie Bates

Greg Rogers

Billy Jackson

Others present were Grant Wallace, Director of Employee Benefits Division, and Amanda Land, Deputy Director of Employee Benefits Division. Also present were staff from the Employee Benefits Division, EBRx, Milliman, and Navitus Health Solutions.

Chairwoman Dunlap, seeing a quorum, called the meeting to order. Chairwoman Dunlap asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting on December 5, 2024. Ronda Walthall noted the minutes should reflect a corrected date of Thursday, December 5, at 2:30 p.m. A motion to approve the minutes with the corrected date was made by Ms. Walthall and was seconded. All members were in favor.

Chairwoman Dunlap then recognized Director Wallace for the Employee Benefits Division's (EBD) presentation. Director Wallace noted that EBD was working on printing and mailing member ID cards and preparation for the legislative session was underway. Director Wallace noted that once the bill filing deadline passed, the impact process would ensue.

Chairwoman Dunlap next recognized Jay Eickman of Navitus Health Solutions to present the December Formulary Advisory Committee recommendations. A motion was made by Marty Casteel to approve the pharmacy formulary recommendation, which was seconded by Jerry Jones. All members were in favor.

Chairwoman Dunlap recognized Director Wallace to present a new technology contract award to Navitas Business Consulting. Director Wallace highlighted some of the enhancements and efficiencies of the new contract and noted the initial term was 4 years for \$14.5 million. A motion was made by Ms. Walthall to approve the contract, which was seconded by Mr. Rogers. All members were in favor.

Seeing no other business to come before the Commissions, Chairwoman Dunlap stated a motion to adjourn would be entertained. Billy Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting, with Mr. Jones having seconded. All members were in favor.