



MINUTES

Benefits and Services Committee

Public Meeting held in-person and telephonically on November 9, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. CT
Pursuant to Texas Govt. Code 551.127

Committee Members Present/(Absent)

Diana Thomas, Committee
Chair
Chris Noak†
(Leslie Pool)
Anthony Ross
Brad Sinclair

Other Board Trustees Present/(Absent)

Mike Benson
Kelly Crook
Michael Granof
Dick Lavine
Yuejiao Liu
(Amy Hunter)

Others Present

Staff:

Christopher Hanson
Russell Nash
Michelle Mahaini
Sarah McCleary
Jenni Bonds
Mehrin Rahman
Yun Quintanilla
Teresa Cantu
Amy Kelley*
David Kushner

Guests:

Paige Saenz, General Counsel
Kevin Balaod, WithIntelligence

* Present telephonically

† Present via videoconference

1 Call roll of Committee members

Committee Chair Diana Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m. The following Committee members were present in person: Thomas, Ross, and Sinclair. Mr. Noak was present via videoconference

2 Review order of business and establish meeting objectives

Committee Chair Thomas reviewed the order of business and meeting objectives with the Committee. There were no changes to the order of business for the meeting.

Committee Chair Thomas asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak, either now or during an agenda item. There were no comments.

3 Consider approval of the August 31, 2023 Benefits and Services Committee minutes

Committee Chair Thomas asked the committee to review the Benefits and Services Committee minutes from August 31, 2023. Mr. Brad Sinclair moved approval of the August 31, 2023 minutes as presented. Mr. Anthony Ross seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

4 Discuss and consider disability retirement continuation

A. Convene into Executive Session pursuant to sec. 13, art. 6243n, and sec. 551.0785 Texas Government Code, to review disability retirement continuation

B. Reconvene from Executive Session pursuant to sec. 13, art. 6243n, and sec. 551.0785 Texas Government Code, to make recommendations as determined appropriate by the Committee on disability retirement continuation

Trustees convened into Executive Session at 1:27 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:31 p.m.

5 Receive report on medical consultant

Mr. Russell Nash presented a report on the current medical consultant used by the Benefits and Services Committee for disability applications including the terms of the engagements, services, and pricing.

6 Review 2023 Committee Work Plan and discuss development of 2024 Work Plan

Mr. Christopher Hanson noted that the Committee had completed all goals on the 2023 Work Plan apart from review of the Board Funding Policy, which will be updated in 2024 in conjunction with the City. A draft of the 2024 Committee Work Plan was presented.

7 Review key meeting takeaways and call for future agenda items

Committee Chair Thomas summarized the actions taken and the information discussed during the meeting and asked for any future agenda items.

As there were no further items to address, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

These minutes were approved at the March 6, 2024 Benefits and Services Committee meeting.