

State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Advisory Commission Minutes

September 26, 2024

The Arkansas State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Employee Advisory Commission met for a special called meeting on Tuesday, September 26, at 2:30 p.m.

ASE Commission Members Present:

Ronda Walthall

Marty Casteel

Jerry Jones

Cynthia Dunlap

PSE Commission Members Present:

Jim Tucker

Billy Jackson

Kurt Knickrehm

Others Present: Grant Wallace, Director of EBD; Amanda Land, Deputy Director of EBD; Jay Bir, EBD; Skochu Fields, EBD; Krista Grafe, EBD; Sylvia Landers, Colonial Life; Sherry Bryant, EBRx; Trey Gardner, EBRx; Kristen Belew, EBRx; Paul Sakhrani, Milliman; Alix Stephens, BLR; Frances Bauman, Novo Nordisk; Lori Bowen, BLR; Alix Stephens, BLR; Takisha Sanders, ABCBS; Jessica Akins, ABCBS; Debbie Rogers, Emilie Monk, Brent Parker, Julia Weber, Dwane Tankersley, Kimberly Renteria, and 2 others.

1. Call to Order

Cynthia Dunlap called the meeting to order and recognized a quorum for both the ASE and PSE Commissions.

2. Contract Review, Director Wallace

Director Grant Wallace presented an updated agreement with UnitedHealthcare (UHC). He mentioned the increase in price was lowered from \$50 to \$45 for Plan Year 2025. This change was reflected in the updated terms and documents.

Chairwoman Dunlap asked if this was the only change to the contract and Director Wallace said it was.

Kurt Knickrehm motions to approve the new rates, seconded by Jerry Jones. **Motion Passed.**

3. Other Business

Ronda Walthall asked if the new rates would be published soon, and Director Wallace said they would be published as soon as possible.

Billy Jackson asked if the changes just made were for just the public schools and Director Wallace said the changes just approved were for both school and state employees.

Billy Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting in October, seconded by Jones. **Motion Passed.**