

**Joint ASE Advisory Commission and PSE Advisory Commission Minutes
July 7th, 2022**

The Arkansas State Employee Advisory Commission and Public-School Employee Advisory Commissions met on Thursday, July 7th, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

ASE Commission Members present:

Jerry Jones
Cynthia Dunlap
Ronda Walthall

PSE Commission Members present:

Julie Bates
Kurt Knickrehm
Greg Rogers
Jim Tucker

ASE Members absent:

Marty Casteel

PSE Members absent:

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessica Welch, Director Jake Bleed, Shalada Toles, Lauren Ballard, Denise Flake, Jennifer Goss, Laura Thompson, EBD; Secretary Larry Walther, Alan McVey, DFA; Takisha Sanders, Jessica Akins, Health Advantage

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by EBD Director, Jake Bleed and he announced there was quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Bleed made a request to approve the June 29th, minutes. Kurt Knickrehm made the motion to approve. Jerry Jones seconded; all were in favor.

Motion Approved.

1. Discuss proposed rates for CY2023: EBD Director, Jake Bleed

EBD has adopted rates for ASE and PSE, and the following policies behind the rates:

1. Commitment of the State to pay 80% of the cost of the premium. This is a significant investment on the part of the State that will be phased in over five years. in which the state will have an 80% commitment.

2. The adopted rates are actuarially risk based spreading the claim costs across the populations to reflect the costs of each plan more accurately. Phased in approach over five years of 80% employer contribution and actuarial risk-based calculation.

Director Bleed made a request for approval of the proposed rates.

Julie Bates made the motion to approve the PSE rates. Jim Tucker seconded; all were in favor.

Ronda Walthall made the motion to approve the ASE rates; Cynthia Dunlap seconded; all were in favor.

Motion Approved.

2. Review Q3 FY22 Quarterly Report: Director, Jake Bleed

Director Bleed provided an overview of the quarterly report EBD is required to submit to the Arkansas Legislative Council, to provide updates on changes in the Plan per Act 113. The quarterly report includes Acts adopted during fiscal session, and PSE/ASE financial projections.

3. Review ASE/PSE Monthly Budget Tracker: Director, Jake Bleed

EBD's actuary Milliman provided monthly financial statements which shows projected financials, Actual financials and differences for PSE and ASE members.

4. Elect Chair and Co-chair for each Commission

Jerry Jones volunteered as co-chair for ASE. Cynthia Dunlap volunteered to be the chair for ASE.

There was not a Chair or Co-chair elected for PSE.

5. Future Meetings Discussion Topics: EBD Director, Jake Bleed

EBD will create a schedule to discuss different topics at each meeting. Discussions at the next meeting will include the Bariatric Surgery Program, Request for proposal for an actuarial firm, and an Employee Assistance Program.

Director Bleed adjourned the meeting.