

**KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY
JOINT CERS-KRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
RETIREE HEALTH PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., E.S.T.
VIA LIVE VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

At the February 16, 2023, meeting of the Retiree Health Plan Committee of the Joint CERS and KRS Board of Trustees, the following Committee members were present: CERS – Jerry Powell (Chair) and J.T. Fulkerson; KRS – Keith Percy and Dr. Crystal Miller. Staff members present were CERS CEO Ed Owens, III, KRS CEO John Chilton, David Eager, Rebecca Adkins, Erin Surratt, Michael Board, Michael Lamb, Connie Pettyjohn, Carrie Bass, Abby Sutherland, Ashley Gabbard, Brian Towles, Katie Park, Phillip Cook, and Sherry Rankin. Others in attendance included CERS Trustee Betty Pendergrass, Danny White and Michael Reed with GRS, and Tracey Garrison, Larry Loew, Carrie Lovell, and Carla Whaley with Humana.

Mr. Powell called the meeting to order.

Mr. Board read the Opening Video Teleconference Statement.

Ms. Rankin called Roll.

Ms. Rankin stated that one *Public Comment* had been received from Wilma Brown and read it aloud to the Committee:

“I have been in contact with numerous retirees that will be negatively impacted by the change in our insurance plan. The contract CERS has awarded to Humana does not have adequate coverage for retirees' healthcare needs. We all realize that the board is charged with spending funds wisely. However, the board also has an obligation to provide adequate health insurance for all retirees. Any contract can be renegotiated if the awarding party calls for renegotiation. I and many others urge you to re-negotiate this contract, even at a

greater expense to the retiree system, to include hospitals and doctors that the retirees currently use and will need for future care.”

Mr. Powell introduced the agenda item *Approval of Minutes- October 24, 2022* (Video 00:08:15 to 00:08:51). A motion was made by Mr. Fulkerson and seconded by Mr. Percy to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Powell introduced the agenda item *Humana* (Video 00:08:52 to 00:53:27). Ms. Tracey Garrison and Mr. Larry Loew with Humana gave a presentation on 2024 Benefit Enhancements, Vanderbilt University Medical Center Contract Update, Underwriting Update and Corporate Rates.

Mr. Powell introduced the agenda item *Benefit Enhancement Actuarial Analysis* (Video 00:53:28 to 01:03:38). Mr. Danny White with GRS presented an analysis of the estimated financial cost of \$5.00 increase in Medicare Premiums across all plans. There was a brief discussion among Trustees. Mr. Powell advised that the analysis was informational, however, the Committee may act at a future meeting.

Mr. Powell introduced the agenda item *Other Business* (Video 01:03:39 to 01:15:40). Ms. Abby Sutherland presented 2023 Open Enrollment Statistics. Ms. Sutherland stated that the presented data represented the period of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. She reported that online enrollments had increased in comparison to 2022 Open Enrollment. The number of Form 6256 processed by KPPA Staff had also increased. Phone was the preferred method of enrollment among retirees; 16,255 phone enrollments were conducted. Email communication and KPPA Outreach had greatly improved for the 2023 Open Enrollment.

Mr. Powell introduced the agenda item *Closed Session* (Video 01:15:41 to 01:16:59). Dr. Miller made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Percy to enter closed session for the purpose of litigation. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Board read the following closed session statement and the meeting moved into Closed Session: A motion having been made in open session to move into a closed session for a specific purpose, and such motion having carried by majority vote in open, public session, the Board shall now enter close session to consider litigation, pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c), because of the necessity of protecting the confidentiality of the Systems' litigation strategy and preserving any available attorney-client privilege.

Mr. Powell called the meeting back to open session and stated that there were no reportable actions. A motion to *Adjourn* was made by Mr. Peercy and seconded by Mr. Fulkerson. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded above the action of the Committee on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in connection with this meeting.


Recording Secretary

I, Jerry Powell, the Chair of the Joint Retiree Health Plan Committee of the Board of Trustees of the County Employees Retirement System and the Kentucky Retirement Systems, do hereby certify that the Minutes of the meeting held on February 16, 2023, were approved by the Joint Retiree Health Plan Committee on May 11, 2023.


Committee Chair

I have reviewed the Minutes of the February 16, 2023, Joint Retiree Health Plan Committee meeting for form, content and legality.


Executive Director
Office of Legal Services