



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



MINUTES

OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD
combined with
OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
10:00 AM
Thomas Jefferson - C
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order

a. Estimating Conference Roll Call

Mr. Sam Blount	Present
Mr. Manfredo Dix	Present
Ms. Stephanie Little	Absent
Ms. Connie Nelson	Present
Mr. Robert Schneckeburger	Present
Ms. Mei Su	Present

b. Policy and Planning Board Roll Call

Sen. Louie Bernard	Present
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.	Present
Rep. Chad Brown	Absent
Dr. Gwile Freeman	Present
Mr. Dannie Garrett, III	Absent
Mr. Jeremy Jackson	Present (late arrival)
Mr. Frank Jobert, Jr.	Present
Mr. Kenneth Krefft (Secretary)	Present
Mr. Fred Mills	Present
Mr. Frank Opelka	Present
Mr. Mike Saylor	Present

II. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2023 Estimating Conference Meeting

- a. Mr. Manfredo Dix made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2023 meeting. Ms. Mei Su seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Estimating Conference.**

- III. Approval of Minutes from the August 25, 2023 Policy and Planning Board Meeting
 - a. Mr. Frank Jobert made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2023 meeting. Mr. Kenneth Krefft seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by the Policy and Planning Board.

- IV. Public Comment
 - a. There was no public comment.

- V. Procurement Matters – Medicare Advantage Emergency Contracts
 - a. Mr. Chris Vidrine, Group Benefits Director over Contracts, provided an overview of the OGB Medicare Advantage Emergency Contracts.
 - i. Mr. Vidrine provided information regarding OGB’s emergency contract with HMO, Inc. d/b/a Blue advantage.
 - 1. For the Estimating Conference, Ms. Connie Nelson made a motion to forward this information to the Policy and Planning Board. Mr. Sam Blount seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - 2. For the Policy and Planning Board, Senator Joseph Bouie made a motion to recommend this information to the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget (“JLCB”). Mr. Frank Opelka seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board was informed that, as would be discussed later, there was no need to recommend the information be sent to JLCB.
 - ii. Mr. Vidrine provided information regarding OGB’s emergency contract with the Humana Benefit Plan of Louisiana.
 - 1. For the Estimating Conference, Ms. Nelson made a motion to forward this information to the Policy and Planning Board. Mr. Robert Schneckenburger seconded the motion.
 - 2. For the Policy and Planning Board, Mr. Opelka made a motion to recommend the contract. The motion was seconded by Senator Louie Bernard. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - iii. Mr. Vidrine provided information regarding OGB’s emergency contract with on the New Orleans Regional Physician Hospital Organization, LLC (d/b/a People’s Health).
 - 1. For the Estimating Conference, Ms. Nelson made a motion to forward the emergency contract to the Policy and Planning Board. Mr. Schneckenburger seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - 2. For the Policy and Planning Board, Mr. Opelka made a motion to recommend the emergency contract. Mr. Mike Saylor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- VI. Procurement Matters - Contract
 - a. Mr. Chris Vidrine, Group Benefits Director over Contracts, provided an overview of the Flexible Spending Arrangement (“FSA”)/Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (“COBRA”) contract with Total Administrative Services Corporation (“TASC”).

- i. Mr. Vidrine indicated that the FSA/COBRA Contract was awarded to TASC. He provided that this is a 3-year contract from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026, with the option to extend for an additional two years.
 1. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Schneckenburger made a motion to forward the information to the Policy and Planning Board. Ms. Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 2. For the Policy and Planning Board, Mr. Opelka made a motion to recommend this contract. Sen. Mills seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

VII. Procurement Matters – Contract Amendments

- a. Group Term Life Insurance – Prudential Amendment 2
 - i. Mr. Vidrine provided that with OGB will exercise its final option and extend the Contract from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.
 - ii. Mr. Vidrine added that the award of the new life insurance contract is under protest. This amendment to the current contract provides coverage while that protest is pending.
 1. For the Estimating Conference, Ms. Nelson made a motion to forward the contract amendment to the Policy and Planning Board. Ms. Su seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
 2. For the Policy and Planning Board, Mr. Opelka made a motion to recommend the contract amendment. Sen. Mills seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana (BCBSLA) – Amendment 3
 - i. Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner for the Division of Administration, provided an update on the Administrative Services Organization (“ASO”) Contract with BCBSLA. He indicated that the Contract terminates on December 31, 2023 and that OGB sought a two-year extension with BCBSLA. However, JLCB authorized a one-year extension to end December 31, 2024. Mr. Davis stated that OGB is considering extending the contract for the remaining one-year extension through 2025.

VIII. Litigation Update: *Kim Wixson, et al. v. the State of Louisiana through the Office of the Governor, Division of Administration, Office of Group Benefits.*

- a. Ms. Molly Collier, attorney with the Division of Administration, Office of General Counsel, informed the Estimating Conference and Board of the recent decision issued by the First Circuit Court of Appeal in favor of OGB.

IX. New Business

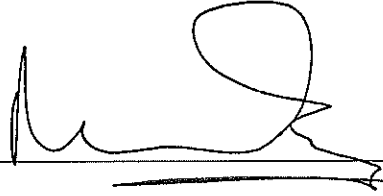
- a. Mr. Kreffft proposed to allow OGB to invest more freely when rates are beneficial to increase OGB’s fund with interest earnings.
 - i. Mr. Davis advised that OGB sought to have a change in the law two sessions ago to permit this but was unsuccessful.

X. Adjournment

- a. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Dix made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Blount seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

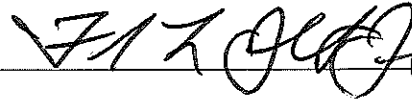
- b. For the Policy and Planning Board, Sen. Mills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Jobert seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved by Estimating Conference: _____



Date Approved: 5/8/2024

Approved by Policy and Planning Board: _____



Date Approved: 5/9/24