

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES  
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)  
November 5, 2008**

Members Present: Co-Chair Ed Nelson, Co-Chair Steve Kaplan, Ronnie Adair, Elizabeth Ahlgren, Mark Anderson, Janice Cook, John deBeck, Lora Duzyk, Thomas Eggleston, David Fernandez, Joyce LaFleur, Sam Lucero, Kevin Ogden, Erik Olson Fernandez

Absent: Doretha Albee, Jesus Gandara

Administrative Staff: George McGregor, Rebeca Aspe, Betty Ormsbee, Barbara Severino, Sherrie Shumaker, Annemieke Tomey, Nancy White, Bob Whiting

Consultants: Ron Mason, Susan Giesting

Guests: Hirsch Adell (VEBA Attorney), Laura Bowersox (ESTA Escondido High), Sandra Chambers (Kaiser), Gloria Feldman (Medco), Cynthia Haro (Aetna), Jill Stearns (Medco), Linda Townley (PacifiCare),

The meeting was called to order by Ed Nelson at 8:01 a.m.

**Minutes:**

**MOTION:** (Janice Cook) Approval of open-session minutes of October 1, 2008. Seconded by David Fernandez and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

California Health Care Coalition (CHCC)

Items discussed at the October 2008 meeting included:

- CHCC's Pay for Quality Improvement (PQI) hospital program
- Kaiser issues regarding improved quality and working relationships
- Health Net's proposed 33% rate increase for Stockton Unified School District

California Public Employers/Employees Health Care Coalition (CPEEHCC)

- VEBA co-chairs have been scheduled to present on the topic of labor and management working together at the January 21-23, 2009, annual training conference

VEBA Executive Committee

The following items were forwarded from the VEBA executive committee for Board review and consideration:

- Action Item Summary
- August 2008 Financial Report

**MOTION:** (Ronnie Adair) Approval of the August 2008 Financial Statements and related schedules. Seconded by Joyce LaFleur and approved.

VEBA Executive Committee (continued)

- One-year renewal quote from Corridor Insurance Services for Fiduciary Liability insurance with no change in terms, conditions or premiums effective October 1, 2008
- One-year renewal quote from Corridor Insurance Services for Plan Purchasers Protection Liability insurance with no change in terms, conditions, or premiums effective October 1, 2008
- Portfolio Appraisal report by Dowling & Yahnke through September 30, 2008
- Investment losses noted—no changes recommended
- Budget Projection for Years Ending December 31, 2008 and 2009.
- Budget Projections Assumptions

**MOTION:** (John deBeck) Approval of the 2009 projected budget. Seconded by Sam Lucero and approved.

- Southern California Schools VEBA Customer Portals Implementation

**Consultants' Reports:**

Towers Perrin

Ron Mason

- A detailed claims update report was provided on the VEBA medical and prescription drug plans.

Susan Giesting

- Communications activities completed and underway
- A new look to the VEBA website was noted
- VEBAonline.com September 2008 Web Usage Report

**Administrative Reports:**

The VEBA Advocacy Programs

- Reports on ongoing programs
- Summary results of Walking Challenge 2008
- Information on the new VEBA Smoking Cessation Challenge

The VEBA Ombudsman

- Visits with member districts, employee organizations/associations, and carrier representatives
- Medco Drug Symposium
- Communication Council meeting review
- Prospecting activity
- Letter from Bonsall Union School District pertaining to their compliance action plan

**MOTION:** (Kevin Ogden) Approval of the Bonsall Union School District action plan subject to written agreement by the employee organizations and written clarification that no new opt-outs will be permitted. Seconded by David Fernandez and approved.

**New Business:**

Information was provided about the following:

- New pin and password for web page log in
- COBRA seminar announcement
- Medco rebate payment and information
- Investment information from Charles Schwab

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. for a short break before commencement of closed session.

The next meeting will be held at the San Diego County Office of Education at 8:00 a.m. on December 3, 2008.