

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)  
March 3, 2010**

Members Present: Co-Chair Janice Cook, Co-Chair David Fernandez, Elizabeth Ahlgren, Mark Anderson, John deBeck, Lora Duzyk, Kevin Holt, Ethel Larkins, Sam Lucero, Kim Myers, Ed Nelson, Kevin Ogden, Tim O'Neill, Erik Olson Fernandez, Sue Wybraniec

Absent: Joyce LaFleur

Administrative Staff: George McGregor, Laura Harris, Betty Ormsbee, Sherrie Shumaker, Annemieke Tomey, Nancy White, Bob Whiting

Consultants: Ron Mason, Lan Brown, Susan Giesting

Guests: Ronnie Adair (San Diego Unified School District), Laura Bowersox (ESTA), Sandra Chambers (Kaiser), Gloria Feldman (Medco), Jessica Ghaemmaghami (PBH/Optum), Jill Stearns (Medco), Todd Torgerson (Sweetwater Union High School District), Richard Muniz (UnitedHealthcare)

The meeting was called to order by Janice Cook at 8:02 a.m.

**Minutes:**

**MOTION:** (Kim Myers) Approval of open-session minutes of February 3, 2010. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

**Committee Reports:**

California Public Employers/Employees Health Care Coalition (CPEEHCC)

- Appreciation was reported for VEBA's support of the annual training conference. VEBA attendees represented 20% of the total attendance
- Bus transportation to and from the training conference provided a relationship-building time between VEBA districts, carriers, and VEBA administrative staff

California Health Care Coalition

- A meeting with Kaiser took place on March 2, 2010
- With the potential of federal involvement, the appropriateness study will become much larger than envisioned

Executive Committee

The following reports were reviewed at the February 24, 2010 Executive Committee meeting and forwarded for Board review and consideration:

- Action items listing
- December 2009 Monthly Financial Report

**MOTION:** (Kevin Ogden) Approval of December 2009 Financial Statement Schedule 1. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

**MOTION:** (John deBeck) Approval of December 2009 Financial Statement Schedule 2. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

- Erik Olson Fernandez agreed to prepare for the Board, followed by review by Dowling & Yahnke, a listing of recommended socially-responsible investments

**MOTION:** (Kevin Ogden) Approval of December 2009 Financial Statement Schedules 3 and 3a. Seconded by Tim O'Neill and approved.

Executive Committee (continued)

**MOTION:** (John deBeck) Approval of December 2009 Financial Statement Schedule 4. Seconded by Elizabeth Ahlgren and approved.

**Consultant's Report:**

Ron Mason, Towers Watson, presented the following:

- Claims review of the Medco prescription plan
- Kaiser medical claims review through September 2009
- Kaiser prescription drug claims

**Administrative Reports:**

VEBA Advocacy Programs

Reports included the following:

- Health and Fitness Challenge Participation by District
- Health and Fitness Challenge On-Site Biometrics Screening January 2010
- Best Doctors-Satisfaction Survey
- Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention Workshops Proposal
- Best Doctors 2009 Results

Communications

Reports included the following:

- Draft Concentric Network Change Management Plan
- New VEBA logo representing the name change to California Schools VEBA. (Note: The VEBA attorney advises the new name may be used immediately.)
- RFP Activity Report

VEBA Ombudsman

Reports included the following:

- Through the EAP program, assistance is being offered again to employees facing layoff
- Organization, district visits, and carrier meetings
- Prospecting activities

IRS Letter Ruling Update

David Fernandez reported that while in Washington D.C., he met with the IRS along with an attorney from Reich, Adell & Cvitan. The VEBA administrator joined the meeting via conference call. The IRS requested a letter from the VEBA describing the types of political activities in which the VEBA intends to be involved and the amount of money that would be spent. The letter will be mailed on March 5, 2010, with a reply expected in approximately 30 days. Potential activities may be scheduled for discussion at the VEBA retreat in May 2010.

**New Business:**

**MOTION:** (John deBeck) Authorize changing signatories on the Schwab account to Janice Cook and David Fernandez. Seconded by Sam Lucero and approved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. for a brief break prior to commencement of closed session.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 8:00 a.m., April 7, 2010, at the San Diego County Office of Education.