

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)  
August 28, 2019  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Laura Bowen, Shawana Grace, Ethel Larkins, Leticia Munguia, Ron Reese, Gregg Robinson, Ronda Walen, Robin Watkins, Steve Boyle, Katie Dexter, Tim Glover, Cindy Marten, Karl Mueller, Ursula Salbato, Michael Simonson.

**Members Absent:** James Messina, Clark Hampton.

**Consultant:** Ron Mason (Tall Pine Consulting, LLC) via conference call.

**Administrative Staff:** George McGregor, Annemieke Tomey, Matthew Bittner, Laura Josh, Dr. Tarane Sondoozi, Don Prezioso, Heather Simonson, Suzanna Tomey, Andrea Krakower, Yvonne Guerrero, Brenda Gomez.

**Guests:** Sallie Whitton (KP); Sandra Ambrosi (SDEA-R); Amy Daily (ESI); Lois Shive and Dennis Shive (North County CTA-R); Brian Marshall; Patrick Prezioso; Mark Anderson.

The Open-Session meeting was called to order by Robin Watkins at 5:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Opening Comments from Co-Chairs**

Robin Watkins welcomed the Board Members, Consultant, Administrative Staff, and Guests. Robin Watkins and Cindy Marten thanked the carriers for their donations, information provided and for being present at the 2019 Advisory Council Meeting.

**Approve Minutes:**

Draft minutes of the March 27, 2019 Open-Session Board meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:** [Katie Dexter] Approval of the March 27, 2019 Open-Session minutes. Seconded by Laura Bowen and approved.

Shawana Grace arrived at 5:08 p.m.

### **Administrator's Report:**

#### **VEBA Financial Statements:**

Annemieke Tomey reviewed the VEBA financial statements, disbursement reports, and VEBA Snapshot of Performance sheets for May 2019 and June 2019.

**MOTION:** [Ron Reese] Approval of the financial statements and disbursements report for May and June 2019. Seconded by Tim Glover and approved.

#### **2018 Tax Returns:**

Ms. Tomey reviewed the federal and state 2018 tax returns for the California Schools VEBA: Forms 990, 990T, 199 and 109, respectively.

**MOTION:** (Ron Reese) Approval to file the 2018 tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service and the Franchise Tax Board, respectively. Seconded by Katie Dexter and approved.

#### **Advisory Council Debrief:**

Matt Bittner shared that he has received positive feedback in adding the Journey Plan to VEBA's Plan Offerings next year. George McGregor highlighted that the stories from the presenters were especially profound this year and thanked the Board for their participation, involvement and overall support in the most important meeting of the year.

#### **Consultant's Report:**

Ron Mason presented and reviewed the Claims Update which included the following topics and noted that he would bring forth a report in the September 2019 Board meeting to show specifically which of the specialty drugs jumped 40% in cost for the month of June 2019.

He directed the Board's attention to the specific results of the following plans:

- Prescription Drugs;
- HMO Minimum Premium;
- HMO Combined;
- PPO/EPO/Out of Area (non-CA participants)
- PPO CA

#### **Other:**

None.

The Open-Session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

The next Open-Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.