

**SUMMARY OPEN-SESSION MINUTES  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS  
VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEES BENEFITS ASSOCIATION (VEBA)  
September 25, 2019  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

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

**Members Absent:** Ronda Walen, Clark Hampton, Leticia Munguia.

**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 5:15 p.m. A quorum was present.

**Opening Comments from Co-Chairs**

Robin Watkins welcomed the Board Members, Consultant, Administrative Staff, and Guests. Robin Watkins welcomed Tamara Otero who will be replacing Katie Dexter effective October 1, 2019. Tamara Otero is the President of SDCSBA, Vice President for CSBA, and a Trustee on the Cajon Valley Union School District Board.

**Approve Minutes:**

Draft minutes of the September 25, 2019 Open-Session Board meeting were reviewed.

**MOTION:** [Ron Reese] Approval of the September 25, 2019 Open-Session minutes. Seconded by Tim Glover and approved.

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

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

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

**MOTION:** [Katie Dexter] Approval of the financial statements and disbursement report for July 2019. Seconded by Laura Bowen and approved.

#### **Fiduciary Liability and PPPL Renewal Proposal**

Annemieke Tomey presented the Board with a summary of the renewal premiums for the VEBA policies and explained the Fiduciary and PPPL ("Plan Purchasers Protection Liability") policies were a flat rate renewal due to the Guaranteed Renewal Endorsement, and if approved, would be effective October 1, 2019.

**MOTION:** [Ron Reese] Approval of the Fiduciary Liability and PPPL Renewal Proposals. Seconded by Steve Boyle and approved.

#### **American Business Bank**

Annemieke Tomey presented the Board with the American Business Bank report, second quarter 2019 highlights.

**MOTION:** [Karl Mueller] Moved to accept the American Business Bank report. Seconded by Gregg Robinson and approved.

#### **Administrative Policies and Procedures Change:**

Annemieke Tomey directed the Board to changes in VEBA's Administrative Policies and Procedures and noted that the policies have been amended and reviewed by legal counsel. The changes relate to eligibility changes to domestic partner coverage and are effective January 1, 2020 due to SB-30, signed into law by Governor Newsom on July 30, 2019. Changes were made to the following sections:

Section VII, Provisions Related to Domestic Partner Change, page 25

A. Domestic Partner Coverage, No. 2.

Section VII, Provisions Related to Domestic Partner Change, page 29

E. Modification or Termination of Policy

**MOTION:** [Brian Duffy] Moved to approve the changes to VEBA's Administrative Policies and Procedures to be in compliance with California Law. Seconded by Laura Bowen and approved.

#### **CTA Training and Other:**

Matt Bittner reported to the Board that last week's CTA education series training in Orange County had been a complete success along with the help of Laura Bowen. Due to the positive outcome, similar trainings have been requested.

Matt Bittner also introduced Alyssa Golden as the UHC replacement for James Gaumer. Alyssa addressed the Board with a short introduction of her experience and plans to continue the communication between the Administrator and UHC.

**VRC Wellness Activities:**

Cindy Marten reported to the Board that her office was in the process of contacting Superintendents in San Diego County offering to present at their Board Meetings. VEBA staff and Board Members would present what VEBA is and what VEBA/VRC wellbeing activities they have to offer.

**Consultant's Report:**

Ron Mason presented and reviewed the Claims Update which included the following topics:

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

**Other:**

George McGregor reminded the Board of the upcoming IFEBP 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Employee Benefits Conference which will occur from October 20-23, 2019 in San Diego, CA.

Steve Boyle announced to the Board and McGregor and Associates that he is resigning from the VEBA Board as of September 30, 2019.

The Open-Session was adjourned at 5:38p.m.

The next Open-Session meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.