



**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION  
**OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS**



**OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**(c/w OGB POLICY & PLANNING BOARD)**

Thursday, March 18, 2021

2:00 PM – **Via Video Conference**

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Estimating Conference Committee

Connie Nelson	Present	Mei Su	Present
Bill Guerra	Present	Manfredo Dix	Present
Chas Nichols	Present		

Policy and Planning Board

Agnes Andrews	Absent	Frank Jobert	Present
Sen. Louie Bernard	Present	Kenneth Krefft	Present
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.	Absent	Tony Murray	Present
Rep. Chad Brown	Present	Mike Saylor	Present – late arrival
Deborah Copeland	Present	Sen. Kirk Talbot	Present – late arrival
Jeremy Jackson	Present		

II. La. R.S. 42:17.1 Certification.

a. See Certification attached.

III. Waive Approval of Minutes from March 15, 2021 Meeting.

A. Estimating Conference Motion to waive reading of minutes made by Manfredo Dix. Motion was seconded by Chas Nichols. Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Policy and Planning Board Motion to waive reading of minutes made by Chad Brown. Motion was seconded by Tony Murray. Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Meeting minutes to be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

IV. Public Comment.

There were no public comments.

V. Vote to Move to Executive Session.

David Couvillon, per La. R.S. 42:19, asked the Estimating Conference and Policy and Planning Board to consider moving to Executive Session for discussion of potential litigation involving the contract between Access Health, Inc. and OGB, and OGB's demands made on Access Health and Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, the surety to the contract.

- A. Estimating Conference Committee Motion to move to Executive Session made by Mr. Dix. Motion seconded by Bill Guerra. Motion was approved unanimously.

Estimating Conference Committee

Connie Nelson – Yes                      Mei Su – Yes  
Bill Guerra – Yes                         Manfredo Dix – Yes  
Chas Nichols – Yes

- B. Policy and Planning Board Motion to move to Executive Session made by Mr. Murray. Motion seconded by Mr. Brown. Motion was approved unanimously.

Policy and Planning Board

Agnes Andrews – Absent                 Frank Jobert – Yes  
Sen. Louie Bernard – Yes                 Kenneth Krefft – Yes  
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. - Absent         Tony Murray – Yes  
Rep. Chad Brown – Yes                     Mike Saylor – Yes  
Deborah Copeland – Yes                   Sen. Kirk Talbot – Yes  
Jeremy Jackson – Yes

VI. Vote to Return to Regular Session.

- A. Estimating Conference Committee Motion to return to Regular Session made by Mr. Dix. Motion seconded by Mr. Guerra. Motion was approved unanimously.

Estimating Conference Committee

Connie Nelson – Yes                      Mei Su – Yes  
Bill Guerra – Yes                         Manfredo Dix – Yes  
Chas Nichols – Yes

- B. Policy and Planning Board Motion to return to Regular Session made by Sen. Bernard. Motion seconded by Mr. Murray. Motion was approved unanimously.

Policy and Planning Board

Agnes Andrews – Absent                 Frank Jobert – Yes  
Sen. Louie Bernard – Yes                 Kenneth Krefft – Yes  
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. - Absent         Tony Murray – Yes  
Rep. Chad Brown – Yes                     Mike Saylor – Yes  
Deborah Copeland – Yes                   Sen. Kirk Talbot – Yes  
Jeremy Jackson – Yes

VII. Consideration of Action on Access Health Contract.

- A. Estimating Conference Committee Motion.

1. Mr. Dix made the Motion that the Estimating Conference Committee submit the information provided by OGB in support of its proposal to amend the contract with Access Health for consideration by the Policy and Planning Board.
2. Mr. Nichols made a Substitute Motion that the Estimating Conference Committee receive the information and report it to the OGB Policy and Planning Board. The

Substitute Motion was seconded by Connie Nelson. Substitute Motion was approved unanimously.

Estimating Conference Committee

Connie Nelson – Yes	Mei Su – Yes
Bill Guerra – Yes	Manfredo Dix – Yes
Chas Nichols – Yes	

B. Policy and Planning Board Motion.

1. Mr. Jobert made the motion that the OGB Policy and Planning Board recommends support for OGB to amend the contract with Access Health to resolve the dispute regarding Access Health's failure to satisfy the return on the performance guarantees. Motion was seconded by Deborah Copeland. Motion was approved unanimously.

Policy and Planning Board

Agnes Andrews – Absent	Frank Jobert – Yes
Sen. Louie Bernard – Yes	Kenneth Krefft – Yes
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. - Absent	Tony Murray – Yes
Rep. Chad Brown – Yes	Mike Saylor – Yes
Deborah Copeland – Yes	Sen. Kirk Talbot – Yes
Jeremy Jackson – Yes	

- C. Col. Couvillon stated that he will provide both the Policy and Planning Board and the Estimating Conference Committee details on the Letter of Intent and what OGB will be seeking in the amendment when the information is available.

VIII. Adjournment.

A. Estimating Conference Committee.

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Nichols. Motion was seconded by Mei Su. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Policy and Planning Board.

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Murray. Motion was seconded by Rep. Brown. Motion approved unanimously.

Approved by Estimating Conference Committee: 

Date Approved: 4/6/2021



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**La. R.S. 42:17.1 Certification**

On March 11, 2020, in Executive Proclamation 25 JBE 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency for Louisiana due to COVID-19. The state of emergency was extended in subsequent Executive Proclamations with the most recent extension in 29 JBE 2021 on March 2, 2021. The state of emergency is a state-wide, public health concern and an in-person meeting of the Office of Group Benefits Estimating Conference would be detrimental to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, I, Connie Nelson, the presiding officer of the Office of Group Benefits Estimating Conference, hereby certify that the Agenda of the meeting is limited to matters that are critical to continuation of business of the Office of Group Benefits and are not able to be postponed due to other deadlines that cannot be postponed or delayed.

As such, in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 42:17.1, the Office of Group Benefits Estimating Conference's meeting on Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 2 p.m. will be held by video conference and in a manner that allows for observation and input by members of the public in accordance with the provisions in La. R.S. 42:17.1(C).

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**Connie Nelson**  
Presiding Officer  
Office of Group Benefits Estimating Conference