



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



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

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

**1:00 PM**

**1201 North Third Street.**  
**Louisiana Purchase Room**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

I. Call to Order

1. Roll Call

Estimating Conference Committee

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

Policy and Planning Board

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

II. Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2021 meeting of the Estimating Conference.

- A. Motion to approve Minutes made by Chas Nichols. Motion was seconded by Mei Su. Minutes were approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes from February 22, 2021 meeting of the Policy and Planning Board.

- A. Motion to approve minutes made by Sen. Louie Bernard. Motion was seconded by Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. Minutes were approved unanimously.

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 demand made on Access Health and Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, the surety to the contract.

1. Estimating Conference Committee:

- a. Motion to move to Executive Session was made by Mr. Nichols. Motion was seconded by Ms. Su. Motion approved unanimously.

Estimating Conference Committee

Connie Nelson - Yes	Chas Nichols - Yes
Bill Guerra - Yes	Mei Su - Yes
David Dillon - Absent	Manfredo Dix - Yes

2. Policy and Planning Board:

- a. Motion to move to Executive Session was made by Frank Jobert. Motion was seconded by Mike Saylor. Motion approved unanimously.

Policy and Planning Board

Agnes Andrews - Absent	Frank Jobert - Yes
Sen. Louis Bernard - Yes	Kenneth Krefft - Yes
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. - Yes	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.

1. Estimating Conference Committee:

- a. Motion to return to Regular Session was made by Mr. Nichols. Motion was seconded by Bill Guerra. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Policy and Planning Board:

- a. Motion to return to Regular Session was made by Frank Jobert. Motion was seconded by Sen. Bouie. Motion approved unanimously.

VII. Consideration of Action on Access Health Contract.

1. Manfredo Dix made the motion to recommend to Policy and Planning Board to terminate the OGB's contract with Access Health, Inc. on April 9, 2021 in accordance with notice sent on February 4, 2021, unless a reasonable settlement agreement is made prior to that date.
- a. Motion was seconded by Bill Guerra.

Estimating Conference Committee Vote

Connie Nelson	Yes	Chas Nichols	Yes
Bill Guerra	Yes	Mei Su	Yes
David Dillon	Absent	Manfredo Dix	Yes

- b. Motion carried.

2. Mr. Jobert made the motion to recommend termination of the OGB's contract with Access Health, Inc. on April 9, 2021 in accordance with notice sent on February 4, 2021, unless a reasonable settlement agreement is made prior to that date.
- a. Tony Murray indicated he wanted to make a substitute motion. After discussion, he declined to do so.
- b. Mr. Jobert re-stated the original motion.
- c. Motion was seconded by Sen. Bouie, Jr.

Policy and Planning Board Vote

Agnes Andrews	Absent	Frank Jobert	Yes
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Sen. Louie Bernard	Yes	Kenneth Krefft	Yes
Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.	Yes	Tony Murray	No
Rep. Chad Brown	Yes	Mike Saylor	Yes
Deborah Copeland	Yes	Sen. Kirk Talbot	Yes

d. Motion carried.

3. Mr. Jackson expressed concerns about any settlement with Access Health being presented to the Policy and Planning Board prior to the settlement being presented for consideration to JLCB. Col. Couvillon stated that the results of the negotiation would be brought to the Policy and Planning Board.
4. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Administration, added that any settlement reached would be presented to the Policy and Planning Board.

VIII. Consideration of Meeting Dates for Remainder of Year.

Proposed dates for Board and Committee meetings for the remainder of 2021 are as follows: April 8, 2021; July 13, 2021 and October 19, 2021.


1. Estimating Conference Committee – All agreed.
2. Policy and Planning Board – All agreed.

IX. New Business.

1. Kenneth Krefft expressed concerns regarding the applicability of La. R.S. 42:882(E) to Policy and Planning Board members' absences. Col. Couvillon advised the issue would be addressed at the next Policy and Planning Board meeting.

X. Adjournment.

1. Policy and Planning Board:
  - a. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Jobert. Motion was seconded by Sen. Bouie. Motion carried.
2. Estimating Conference Committee:
  - a. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mr. Dix. Motion was seconded by Mr. Nichols. Motion carried.

Approved by Estimating Conference: 

Date Approved: 4/6/2021