

## **Minutes from the Meetings of the Board of Trustees**

**April 10, 2000**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Aubrey Temple, Chairman, called the special meeting of the Board of Trustees to order.

### **ROLL CALL**

#### **Members Present**

Dr. Merline Broussard\*\*  
Dr. James Calvin  
Dr. Barbara Cicardo\*\*  
Mr. Russell Culotta  
Mr. David Hood \*  
Mr. James Lee  
Mr. Hubert Lincecum  
Representative "Tank" Powell  
Mr. John Warner Smith  
Mr. Aubrey Temple  
Mr. Kelly Ward\*\*\*

#### **Members Absent**

Mr. Charles Castaing  
Ms. Mary McDaniel  
Mr. Richard O'Shee  
Dr. Robert Greer  
Senator Tom Schedler

Roll call indicated nine (9) Board Members present, representing a quorum.

\* Mr. David Hood arrived after roll call.

\*\* Dr. Broussard, Dr. Cicardo and Mr. Ward attended via conference telephone, call utilizing a speaker telephone system.

\*\*\* Mr. Ward was connected to the conference call after the roll call.

Mr. Temple questioned Mr. Benoit, Legal Counsel, if seven Board Members were present and two members via telephone, would it constitute a quorum. Mr. Benoit stated that it was his opinion that the arrangement constituted a quorum.

### **CEO/COO REPORT**

#### **Possible Executive Session to discuss pending litigation**

Mr. Wall suggested that the Board go into executive session to discuss pending litigation concerning *Louisiana Regional PHO, L.L.C. v. The State of Louisiana, Board of Trustees, State Employees Group Benefits Program*. A motion was made by Mr. Lincecum, seconded by Mr. Culotta, to go into executive session. There being no objections, the motion passed, and the Board convened in executive session.

Upon return from executive session, Mr. Temple called for order and roll call.

The following is the result of the roll call:

**Members Present**

Dr. Broussard  
Dr. Calvin  
Dr. Cicardo  
Mr. Culotta  
Mr. Hood \*  
Mr. Lee  
Mr. Lincecum  
Representative Powell  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Temple  
Mr. Ward

**Members Absent**

Mr. Castaing  
Dr. Greer  
Ms. McDaniel  
Mr. O'Shee  
Senator Schedler

The roll call indicated eleven (11) board members present.

Mr. Temple stated that the executive session was conducted for the sole purpose of reviewing pending litigation, that no other issues were discussed and no action was taken.

Mr. Wall requested authority to resolve the litigation, including, but not limiting to, removing the EPO offering for Region 7 for the 2000/2001 fiscal year.

A motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Dr. Calvin, to authorize the CEO to take appropriate action with regard to the EPO in Region 7 in order to resolve the pending litigation, including, but not limited to, rejection of all proposals and cancellation of the solicitation in that region.

The following is the result of a roll call vote:

**YEAS**

Dr. Broussard  
Dr. Calvin  
Mr. Castaing  
Dr. Cicardo  
Mr. Culotta  
Dr. Greer  
Mr. Hood \*  
Mr. Lee  
Mr. Lincecum  
Ms. McDaniel  
Mr. O'Shee  
Representative Powell  
Senator Schedler  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. Temple  
Mr. Ward

**NAYS**

With eleven (11) yeas, and no nays, the motion was approved.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Temple requested Mr. Wall to schedule dates for the Work Sessions in order to allow Board Members to plan for them as indicated. Dr. Cicardo requested holding the Work Session in May after May 11th. Dr. Broussard requested not to have a Work Session on May 22 - 23, 2000, due to another retreat she would be attending.

Mr. Ward commended Mr. Hood on his participation in the PBS program concerning the tobacco settlement. He suggested SEGBP implement programs to discourage smoking and an initiative for smoking cessation for the plan members. Mr. Hood stated that DHH's Office of Public Health and Office of Addictive Disorders could assist the Board.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn. With no opposition, the motion was unanimously adopted.