MINUTES

MEETING OF GROUP BENEFITS POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD
Wednesday, June 1, 2016
6:00 PM
1201 North Third Street, Room 1-136 A-B
Baton Rouge, La. 70802

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Susan West, Chief Executive Officer of Office of Group Benefits.
   - Roll Call – Quorum Present
     - Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mr. Krefft

II. Introduction of Board members and OGB executive

III. Swearing in of new Board members by Joell Keller, attorney and notary public.


V. Nominations for Board Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary
   - Motion was made by Sen. John Smith to nominate Kenneth Krefft to serve as the Board Chairman. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Jackson. Motion was approved unanimously.
   - Motion was made by Agnes Andrews to nominate Jeremy Jackson to serve as the Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Korey Harvey. Motion was approved unanimously.
   - Motion was made by Kenneth Krefft to nominate Deborah “Debbie” Copeland to serve as the Secretary. The motion was seconded by Korey Harvey. Motion was approved unanimously.
   - Motion was made by Korey Harvey to nominate Deborah Copeland to fill the seat representing the retired members of the school boards, for which no one qualified. The seat’s 6-year term commences July 1, 2016. The motion was seconded by Sen. John Smith. Motion was approved unanimously.
   - Motion was made by Korey Harvey to nominate Frank Jobert to fill the unexpired term of deceased Board member, Nancy DeWitt, which
term expires on June 30, 2016. The motion was seconded by Kenneth Krefft. The motion was approved unanimously. Mr. Jobert was sworn in by Ms. Keller.

VI. Discussion of Meeting Protocol, specifically the following:
- Quorum for conducting business (§ 42:883)
- Votes necessary for Board action (6 based upon total Board membership)
- Provisions for Reporting to the Commissioner of Administration, OGB Chief Executive Officer, and OGB Legislative Oversight Committees were addressed with the Board.

VII. Review of five-year audit of OGB by the Department of Insurance and signature by each Board member on DOI Affidavit

VIII. CEO Report provided by Susan West, which covered the following:
- Newly created Board and Group Benefits Estimating Conference
- Historical overview of OGB
- OGB today (current)
- Health Benefit Plan highlights
- Financial update
- Strategic recommendation

IX. Discussion on Strategic Recommendation
- Following discussion, a motion to approve the actuarial recommendation of a 7.0% aggregate overall rate increase was made by Korey Harvey. The motion was seconded by Jeremy Jackson. The motion carried 6-3.

X. New Business – Next Board Meeting (meeting required in July, 2016)
- 10:00 am, July 14, 2016

XI. Other Business was handled at the beginning of the meeting after the swearing in of the new members and at the end of the meeting.
- Binders – OGB will keep them for board members to add additional information for next meeting.
- Ken Krefft requested that the actuary, at some point in time, review the possibility of charging higher premiums for smokers vs. non-smokers.

XII. Public Comments – No public comments were offered.

Adjournment – Motion made by Korey Harvey.

Approved by Board: 

Date approved: 7-14-2016