



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS



**OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND
OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD MINUTES**

Monday, February 22, 2021

2:00 PM

Louisiana Purchase Room (1-100)

1201 North Third Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

I. Call to Order.

1. Roll Call

Estimating Conference Committee

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

Policy and Planning Board

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

(Per Sen. Louis Bernard, Sen. Talbot will be 10 minutes late. Sen. Talbot arrived.)

II. Introduction and swearing in of new Board member: Mike Saylor.

III. Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2020 meeting of the Estimating Conference.

- A. Motion to approve minutes made by Chas Nichols.
- B. Motion was seconded by Bill Guerra.
- C. Minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from the October 13, 2020 meeting of the Policy and Planning Board.

- A. Motion to approve made by Frank Jobert.
- B. Motion seconded by Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr.
- C. Minutes approved unanimously.

V. Public Comments.

The following individuals spoke in support of Access Health, Inc.

1. Dr. Ruben Patel, MD – Patient Care Plus.
2. Dr. Robin Dale, MD.
3. Dr. Jay Poche, MD Coastal Urgent Care.
4. Dr. Srinivas Kata, MD – Physician with New Orleans Clinic (5 Urgent Care clinics).
5. Dr. Smitty Smith, MD – Family Medicine Physicians (Tangipahoa and Livingston).
6. Melissa Dworak – Business Manager, Kwik Clinic (Covington/Franklinton).

7. Billy Tingle – Cenla Family Medicine Associates.
8. Mary Smith – Access Health.
9. Michael Patterson – Access Health/Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama: After discussing documents provided in a binder to the members of the Estimating Conference and the Board, Mr. Patterson provided that Access Health attempted to settle the ROI with OGB and reassured the Board that Access Health remains open to negotiation.
10. Paula Walker – VP Access Health, Inc.
11. Dr. Michael Watkins – Watkins Family Medicine.
12. Kirk Soileau – Natchitoches Regional Medical Center.
13. Dr. Michael Screpetis, MD – Cenla Family Medicine Associates.

VI. Roles and responsibilities of the Estimating Conference and the Policy and Planning Board.

- a. Molly Collier, Office of General Counsel, attorney for OGB, detailed the role of the Estimating Conference and the Policy and Planning Board, providing history of legislative changes in the law.

VII. Vote to move to Executive Session at 4:12pm.

- a. Policy and Planning Board vote to move to Executive Session motion made by Mr. Jobert. Motion seconded by Sen. Bouie. All in favor except Mr. Murray.
- b. Estimating Conference Committee vote to move to Executive Session motion made by Connie Nelson. Motion seconded by Mr. Guerra. Motion was approved unanimously.

Policy and Planning Board

Agnes Andrews – Absent
 Sen. Louis Bernard – Yes
 Sen. Joseph Bouie, Jr. – Yes
 Rep. Chad Brown – Yes
 Deborah Copeland – Yes
 Sen. Kirk Talbot – Yes

Frank Jobert – Yes
 Kenneth Krefft – Absent
 Tony Murray – No
 Mike Saylor – Yes
 Jeremy Jackson – Yes

Estimating Conference

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

VIII. Vote to return to Regular Session.

- a. Estimating Conference: Mr. Nichols made motion which was seconded by Ms. Su. Motion was approved unanimously.
- b. Policy and Planning Board: Mr. Jobert made motion which was seconded by Sen. Bouie. Motion was approved unanimously.

IX. Adjournment.

Approved by Policy and Planning Board: 

Date Approved: 03/15/24



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La. R.S. 42:19(A)(1)(b)(iii) Statement

The Executive Session is necessary for discussions of strategy and/or negotiations as it relates to prospective litigation between the Office of Group Benefits, Access Health, Inc., and Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company as a result of Access Health, Inc.'s contractual breaches, OGB's formal, written demand made upon Access Health, Inc., and OGB's formal, written demand made upon Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, the surety to the contract.