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MINUTES

**OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD
COMBINED WITH
OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE
November 19, 2025**

9:00 AM

**Thomas Jefferson Room C-136
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

I. Call to Order

a. Estimating Conference Roll Call

i. Mr. Sam Blount	Present
ii. Mr. Manfredo Dix	Present
iii. Mr. Alan Boxberger	Absent
iv. Mr. Chas Nichols	Present
v. Mr. Brett Robinson	Present
vi. Mr. Robert Schneckenger	Absent

b. Policy and Planning Board Roll Call

i. Ms. Emily Andrews	Absent
ii. Senator Adam Bass	Absent
iii. Rep. Kim Carver	Absent
iv. Dr. Gwile Freeman	Present
v. Mr. Dannie Garrett III	Absent
vi. Mr. Frank Jobert	Present
vii. Mr. Frank Opelka	Present
viii. Mr. Mike Saylor	Absent
ix. Senator Jeremy Stine	Arrived Late

II. Appointment to Policy & Planning Board – Senator Edward J. “Ed” Price

a. Mr. Drew Bernard, an attorney with the Office of General Counsel, administered the Oath of Office to Senator Ed Price.

III. Approval of Minutes from September 4, 2025 Joint Estimating Conference and Policy & Planning Board Meeting

- a. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Chas Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2025 Joint Estimating Conference and Policy & Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Manfredo Dix seconded the motion. The Estimating Conference approved the motion unanimously.
 - b. The board was unable to approve due to the lack of a quorum.
- IV. Public Comment - No public comments.
- V. CaremarkPCS Health, LLC (CVS Caremark) Emergency Contract Amendment No. 2
 - a. Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for OGB, Heath Williams explained this Amendment was an anticipated technical adjustment to the Contract amount. The adjustment does not alter the administrative fee, which is the only amount Caremark is permitted to retain under the Contract. The additional amount is so OGB will be able to pay prescription claims. The Estimating Conference principals discussed the amendment and asked questions.
 - i. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Nichols made a motion to forward the Contract to the Board. Mr. Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. The Policy and Planning Board was unable to make a motion due to the lack of a quorum.
- VI. Procurement Matters – Amendments to Emergency Contracts for 2026
 - a. Mr. Williams discussed the risk adjustments that Medicare Advantage plans across the country are seeing right now and how the rates are increasing even as the number of providers decreases. The premium rates for these plans depend on each company and the providers in the various regions. The Estimating Conference principals discussed the amendments and asked questions.
 - i. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Dix made a motion to forward the Contract to the Board. Mr. Blount seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. The Policy and Planning Board was unable to make a motion due to the lack of a quorum.
- VII. Procurement Matters – Individual Market Medicare Exchange Broker with Administrative Services for Health Reimbursement Arrangement

- a. Mr. Williams explained that OGB is on this Contract but is still in the blackout period so the Contract will be brought for review and recommendation of at the December 4, 2025 meeting.

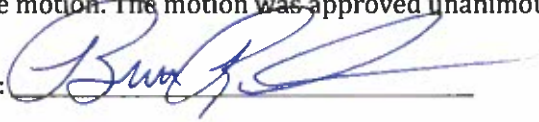
VIII. New Business

- a. None

IX. Adjournment

- a. For the Estimating Conference, Mr. Nichols made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Dix seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved by Estimating Conference:



Date Approved: 12/4/25