

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 to 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.