

MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE PENSION COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 16, 2018

The Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles met in the LAFPP Sam Diannitto Boardroom, located at the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions Building, 701 East 3rd Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles 90013 on Thursday, August 16, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Corinne T. Babcock, President
Adam Nathanson, Vice President
Ken Buzzell
Brian Pendleton
Ruben Navarro
Belinda Vega
Robert von Voigt (participated telephonically)

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: George Aliano
Pedram Salimpour, MD

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND
POLICE PENSIONS: Raymond P. Ciranna, General Manager
William Raggio, Executive Officer
Tom Lopez, Chief Investment Officer
Joseph Salazar, Assistant General Manager
Rhonda Ketay, Commission Executive Assistant

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Anya Freedman, Assistant City Attorney

President Babcock called the special meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. All the above-listed Commissioners were present at the start of the meeting.

1. USI DISCUSSION ON HEALTH PLANS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Mr. Gary Delaney, CEBS and Senior Vice President, and Ms. Kristin Yokoyama, CEBS and Vice President from USI presented their report to the Board.

The Board discussed the revised LACERA data contained in USI's presentation, member premiums and the disparity in premiums between association health plans for members and dependents. The Board also discussed the premium calculations for each association and advised the consultants that the report as presented was too general without enough specific information.

The Board discussed UFLAC's new high-deductible health plan and the numbers of members enrolled in the new plan. The Board also discussed the Board's approval of the new UFLAC plan.

Public comment was provided by Ms. Dawna Gray, Bradawn, Inc., Mr. Tony Gamboa, President, UFLAC, and Ms. Jennifer Lincicum, Fickewirth Benefits Advisors.

Commissioner Buzzell discussed the High Deductible Health Plan with Mr. Gamboa and Ms. Lincicum. Commissioner Pendleton clarified the motion that he made at the May 17, 2018 Board meeting.

The report was received and filed.

2. FINANCIAL DATA REQUEST REGARDING HEALTH SUBSIDY PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Eunice Zordilla, Senior Management Analyst I, Medical & Dental Benefits Section and Mr. Greg Mack, Chief Benefits Analyst, Pensions Division presented the report to the Board.

Commissioner Buzzell stated that some of the information included in the report may not have been necessary, but Commissioner Nathanson stated that he preferred to receive the information.

Public comment was provided by Ms. Dawna Gray, Bradawn, Inc.

The report was received and filed.

President Babcock recessed the meeting for a break at 10:18 a.m., and reconvened at 10:25 a.m.

3. STATUS OF CONTRACTS WITH HEALTH AND DENTAL PLAN ADMINISTRATORS AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

General Manager Ciranna gave an update to the Board concerning the progress being made in negotiations with LAPRA, LAFRA, UFLAC, and LAPPL.

Commissioner Buzzell asked how close we are to reaching resolution with each Association. Commissioner Nathanson agreed with Commissioner Buzzell concerning the importance of knowing specifically where the negotiations stand with each individual Association.

Commissioner Navarro asked General Manager Ciranna if claims data would be protected. Ms. Anya Freedman, Assistant City Attorney stated that the advice distributed to the Board at the last meeting addresses this issue.

Commissioner Navarro asked whether the recommended date on the report should be pushed back. Commissioner Buzzell clarified that no claims data will be released to the public and would be treated as confidential information.

Mr. Bob Steinbacher, President of LAFRA provided public comment.

Ms. Anya Freedman, Assistant City Attorney discussed Mr. Steinbacher's request to waive attorney/client privilege regarding the memorandum referred to earlier in the discussion and stated that it contained privileged information and advice to the Board on more than this subject.

Ms. Corina Lee from LAPPL provided public comment.

Mr. Tony Gamboa from UFLAC, and Mr. Pete Dickenson, Esq, for UFLAC demanded a retraction of the LAFPP newsletter publication regarding the retiree health benefits program.

Ms. Jennifer Lincicum discussed the High Deductible Health Plan rates with Commissioner Buzzell. Commissioner von Voigt asked if active and retired police members will be included in that program and if it would be feasible. Mr. Dave Pimentle from UFLAC answered Commissioner von Voigt.

No action was taken by the Board.

4. DISCUSSION OF FLAT RATE FOR MEDICARE DEPENDENT SUBSIDY AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION

Ms. Eunice Zordilla, Senior Management Analyst I, Medical & Dental Benefits Section presented the report to the Board.

Commissioner Navarro asked Ms. Zordilla whether benefits are under Board authority.

Ms. Anya Freedman, Assistant City Attorney answered Commissioner Navarro that the Administrative Code does not address the portion of the subsidy that is used to cover dependents and could be subject to collective bargaining with the employee unions.

Commissioner Vega requested advice from Ms. Freedman on the issue of Board authority.

Ms. Corina Lee from LAPPL provided public comment.

Commissioner Buzzell moved that the Board receive and file the report, which was not seconded.

General Manager Ciranna suggested that staff provide a follow-up report to the Board on either September 6 or 20, 2018.

Motion

Commissioner Navarro moved that the Board table the item to a future meeting, which was seconded by Commissioner von Voigt and approved by the following vote: ayes- Commissioners Buzzell, Nathanson, Navarro, Pendleton, Vega, von Voigt, and President Babcock – 7; nays – none.

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION

Mr. David Wagner and Ms. Elsa Moy provided public comment.

The special meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



President



Secretary
