

JULY MINUTES
PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

July 18, 2024

Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center
Heroman Board Room, First Floor
5000 Hennessey Blvd.
Baton Rouge, LA

Mr. Marcus Naquin, Chairman, convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board at 6:30 PM on Thursday July 18, 2024.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Mr. Marcus Naquin, Chairman	Mr. Greg Waddell	Dr. R. Reece Newsome
Dr. David Broussard	Dr. Christopher Foret	Dr. Luis Alvarado
Ms. Tracy Bordelon		

Absent:

Mr. Robert Ruel	Mr. John Derenbecker
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Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. Dave Woolridge	Ms. Barbara Woodard
Ms. Alicia Reynolds	Mr. Kurt Loup	Mr. Jim Hurley
Ms. Susan Gremillion	Ms. Normeca Smith	Mr. Jeff Williams
Ms. Holly Descant	Ms. Cathy Moss	

Mr. Naquin called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflects 7 Board members were in attendance and a quorum was present. Mr. Naquin then welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked for all present to be introduced.

Mr. Naquin called for approval of the June 6, 2024 minutes. Dr. Alvarado moved for the minutes to be adopted and Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the minutes were adopted with no dissenting votes.

Mr. Naquin called for the actuarial report presented by Mr. Jim Hurley with Willis Towers Watson. Mr. Hurley gave an overview of the data and factors contributing to the indicated rate changes for the upcoming year, particularly mentioning that increases in medical payments as opposed to indemnity payments had the most impact. He suggested 4 options for provider rates. After a discussion of each option, Dr. Newsome made a motion to adopt option 4, which suggested a 9% rate increase for hospitals and a 2.3% rate increase for Dentists and Oral Surgeons. All other rate classes remained unchanged with this option reflecting an overall rate change of 2.2%. Dr. Alvarado seconded the motion, and a roll call vote was requested. Mr. Naquin, Dr. Newsome, Dr. Foret, Ms. Bordelon, and Dr. Alvarado voted to approve the motion. Mr. Waddell and Dr. Broussard voted against the motion. The motion was passed with a vote of 5 to 2.

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Mr. Naquin called for the compensation committee to present their evaluation of PCF's unclassified staff. Mr. Waddell reported the committee felt both Mr. Schnauder's and Mr. Loup's job performance has been exceptional. In an effort to retain valuable employees, the committee recommended both Mr. Schnauder and Mr. Loup receive a 5% salary increase effective July 15, 2024. Mr. Waddell made a motion to approve the recommended increase and Dr. Alvarado seconded the motion. By unanimous verbal vote the motion was approved.

Mr. Naquin asked for the monthly financial report. Ms. Woodard informed the Board the Fund balance for the fiscal year was approximately \$1,378,902,713, the total net collected in surcharge payments to date was approximately \$153,603,836, and the total net filing fees collected to date were \$276,700. She advised the investment income as of May 31, 2024 was \$46,882,767, the total operating expenses to date were \$7,328,558, and the claims expenses to date were \$150,000,000.

Mr. Naquin called for the claims report. Mr. Loup informed the Board for the month of June there were 71 panels filed, 105 panels closed, 92 claims opened, and 101 claims closed, ending the month with a total pending claim count of 4021. Mr. Loup advised \$5,296,720 in judicial interest was paid for the month and \$146,577 in legal fees and expenses were paid. Mr. Loup presented 27 claims for settlement approval for the month in the amount of \$6,08,993. There were no questions asked and no public comments made.

Mr. Naquin thanked the guests for attending the meeting. Dr. Newsome then made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session; Dr. Alvarado seconded the motion. The verbal vote was unanimous, and the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation.

After discussion in closed session, Dr. Alvarado made a motion to end the executive session and move into open session and to approve the presented claims, with any noted abstentions; Ms. Bordelon seconded the motion, and by unanimous verbal vote the motion was approved.

At that time, with no further matters to be discussed, Dr. Alvarado moved for adjournment; Dr. Broussard seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the motion was carried with no dissenting votes; the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.



Mr. Marcus Naquin, Chairman

8/08/2024

Date