

House Committee on Appropriations

Minutes of Meeting
2017-2018 Interim
November 17, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. in Room 6, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Cameron Henry, Chairman
Representative Franklin J. Foil, Vice Chairman
Representative Mark Abraham
Representative Tony Bacala
Representative Lawrence A. "Larry" Bagley
Representative Robert E. Billiot
Representative Charles R. Chaney
Representative Rick Edmonds
Representative Reid Falconer
Representative Lance Harris
Representative Valarie Hodges
Representative Katrina R. Jackson
Representative Walt Leger, III
Representative Steve E. Pylant
Representative Scott M. Simon
Representative Jerome "Zee" Zeringue

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Beryl A. Amedée
Representative James K. Armes, III
Representative John A. Berthelot
Representative Gary M. Carter, Jr.
Representative Bob Hensgens
Representative Jack G. McFarland
Representative Blake Miguez
Representative Dustin Miller

Representative Jerome Richard
Representative Patricia Haynes Smith
Representative Julie Stokes

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter G. E. Conroy, Legislative Analyst
Linda Hopkins, Secretary
Nancy Keaton, Legislative Analyst

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

None

III. DISCUSSION

Office of Group Benefits Contracts

Mr. Tommy Teague, Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Group Benefits (OGB), P.O. Box 44036, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, (225) 342-9670, discussed and requested approval of the contract between OGB and Extend Health, Inc.

Representative Bacala offered a motion to approve the contract between OGB and Extend Health, Inc. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Jackson, Leger, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Mr. Teague discussed and requested approval of amendments to the contracts between OGB and Vantage Health Plan, Inc., and between OGB and Peoples Health.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to approve an amendment to the contract between OGB and Vantage Health Plan, Inc. (#253). Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Jackson offered a motion to approve an amendment to the contract between OGB and Vantage Health Plan, Inc. (#929). Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Representative Leger offered a motion to approve an amendment to the contract between OGB and Peoples Health (#733). Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Hodges, Jackson, Leger, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

Mr. Teague discussed the contract between OGB and Prudential Insurance Company of America for group life insurance with Representatives Henry, Jackson, and Leger.

Present to provide information was Mr. Randy Davis, Assistant Commissioner, Division of Administration, 1201 North Third Street, Suite 7-210, (225) 342-7000.

A copy of the witness cards for individuals (who were present, but did not testify) in support of, in opposition to, and to provide information on the OGB Contracts is available upon request.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Leger offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 15 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Henry, Foil, Abraham, Bacala, Bagley, Billiot, Chaney, Edmonds, Falconer, Harris, Jackson, Leger, Pylant, Simon, and Zeringue voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Cameron Henry
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