

Special Board of Trustees Meeting In-Person and Teleconference October 24, 2024 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

## **Convene Meeting**

#### Welcome

The meeting of the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Dale R. Folwell, CPA, at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

## Roll Call for Attendance

**Present:** Dale R. Folwell, Melanie Bush, Russell "Rusty" Duke, Kimberly Jones, Peter Robie, M.D., Mike Stevenson, Cyrus Vernon, Kerry Willis, M.D., Mike Arnold, representing Kristin Walker. Roll call vote was taken. There was a quorum for the meeting.

## Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted. During a Board meeting, members should notify the Board chair if a conflict arises.

**Board Vote to Move into Closed Session**: Motion by Dr. Robie; second by Ms. Bush; roll call vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to move into executive session pursuant to G.S 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(3) and G.S. 132-1.1(a) and 132-1.2(1) to consult with legal counsel regarding the matters of *Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina v. State Health Plan*; Lake v. State Health Plan; Kadel v. Folwell; and a pre-litigation vendor dispute.

#### **Executive Session**

The Board met in executive session with Plan Executive Administrator Sam Watts, Department General Counsel Ben Garner, Assistant General Counsel Aaron Vodicka, Assistant General Counsel Joel Heimbach. Mr. Garner, Mr. Vodicka, and Mr. Heimbach discussed with the Board Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina v. State Health; Lake v. State Health Plan; Kadel v. Folwell; and a vendor prelitigation dispute.

### Return to Open Session

**Board Vote to Move to Open Session**: Motion by Mr. Fish; second by Dr. Willis; roll call vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to move back to open session.

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# **Adjournment**

**Board Vote to Adjourn:** Motion by Ms. Jones; second by Mr. Vernon; roll call vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Joel Heimbach, Secretary

Approved by:

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