

# AUGUST MINUTES

## PCF OVERSIGHT BOARD

August 10, 2023

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

Dr. Christopher Foret, Chairman, convened the meeting of the Patient's Compensation Fund Oversight Board at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 10, 2023.

The following Board members were in attendance:

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

Others present:

Mr. Ken Schnauder	Mr. Kurt Loup	Ms. Alicia Reynolds
Ms. Barbara Woodard	Mr. Dave Woolridge	Mr. Jacob Meese
Mr. Henry Ramagos		

Dr. Foret called the meeting to order and asked that the record reflect 8 Board members were in attendance and a quorum was present. Dr. Foret then welcomed the guests to the meeting and asked for all present to be introduced.

Dr. Foret called for approval of the July 20, 2023 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.

Dr. Foret asked for the quarterly investment update presented by Mr. Jacob Meese of Cardinal Investment Advisors, LLC. Mr. Meese advised the total balance for the Fund portfolio was \$1,282,134. He stated that for the quarter the overall portfolio outperformed the benchmark by 15 bps and for the year it outperformed by 8 bps. He also advised the 3-year contract with Principal to provide custodial services for the PCF was due to expire at the end of this year. Cardinal identified 4 candidates that fit the requirements for the Fund: Principal, Hancock Whitney, PNC, and US Bank. Hancock Whitney Bank declined to participate, and Mr. Meese stated when comparing the remaining 3 candidates, our current provider Principle offered the lowest fees, strongest capital ratios, and excellent client service. Dr. Alvarado made a motion to renew the 3-year contract with Principle at an annual rate of \$35,000. Dr. Newsome seconded the motion and by unanimous verbal vote the motion was approved.

Dr. Foret called for the compensation committee to present their evaluation of PCF's unclassified staff. Mr. Naquin reported that the committee felt Mr. Schnauder's and Mr. Loup's job performance over the past years has been exceptional. The committee recommended that due to the rise in inflation and the desire to retain such excellent employees both Mr. Schnauder and Mr.

Loup should receive a 6% salary increase effective July 15, 2023. He also suggested that Mr. Schnauder receive a \$2,000 one-time performance bonus and Mr. Loup receive a \$1,000 one-time performance bonus. Dr. Broussard then made a motion to approve the recommended 6% salary increase and respective bonuses and Mr. Ruel seconded the motion. By unanimous verbal vote the motion passed.

Dr. Foret asked for the financial and budget reports. Ms. Woodard informed the Board the Fund balance for the fiscal year was approximately \$1,334,623,599, the total net collected in surcharge payments to date was approximately \$8,887,649, and the total net filing fees collected to date were \$17,200. She advised the investment income as of July 1, 2023 was \$0, the total operating expenses to date were \$505,822 and the claims expenses to date were \$9,473,244.

Dr. Foret called for the claims report. Mr. Loup informed the Board for the month of July there were 68 panels filed, 150 panels closed, 86 claims opened, and 74 claims closed, ending the month with a total pending claim count of 3983. Mr. Loup advised \$75,000 in judicial interest was paid for the month and \$129,229 in legal fees and expenses were paid. Mr. Loup presented 15 claims for settlement approval for the month in the amount of \$5,320,000. There were no questions asked and no public comments made.

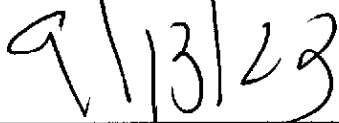
Dr. Foret thanked the guests for attending the meeting. Mr. Naquin then made a motion for the Board to move into Executive Session; Dr. Newsome seconded the motion. The verbal vote was unanimous, and the Board moved into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation.

After discussion in closed session, Dr. Newsome made a motion to end the executive session and move into open session and to approve the claims with the 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. Newsome seconded the motion. By verbal vote, the motion was carried with no dissenting votes; the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.



Dr. Christopher Foret, Chairman



Date