



**STATE OF LOUISIANA**  
**DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**OFFICE OF GROUP BENEFITS**



**MINUTES**

**OGB POLICY AND PLANNING BOARD  
COMBINED WITH  
OGB ESTIMATING CONFERENCE  
October 14, 2024  
1:30 PM  
Louisiana Purchase Room  
1201 North Third Street  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802**

**I. Call to Order**

**a. Estimating Conference Roll Call**

Mr. Sam Blount	Present
Mr. Manfredo Dix	Absent
Ms. Stephanie Little	Absent
Ms. Andree Miller	Present
Mr. Chas Nichols	Present
Mr. Robert Schneckenburger	Present

**b. Policy and Planning Board Roll Call**

Sen. Adam Bass	Absent
Rep. Chad Brown	Present
Rep. Kim Carver	Absent
Dr. Gwile Freeman	Present
Mr. Dannie Garrett	Present
Mr. Frank Jobert	Present
Mr. Frank Opelka	Present
Mr. Mike Saylor	Present
Sen. Alan Seabaugh	Present
Sen. Jeremy Stine	Absent

- II. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2024 Estimating Conference Meeting
  - a. Mr. Chas Nichols made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 8, 2024 Estimating Conference Meeting. Mr. Sam Blount seconded the motion. The Estimating Conference approved the motion unanimously.
- III. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2024 Policy and Planning Board Meeting
  - a. Dr. Gwile Freeman made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2024 Policy & Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Dannie Garrett seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.
- IV. Public Comments
  - a. No public comments.
- V. Procurement Matters – Emergency Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) Contract
  - a. Mr. Heath Williams, OGB Chief Executive Officer, reminded members of the history of the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) contracts from 2020 to present.
  - b. Mr. Williams then explained an emergency contract is necessary to comply with both House Bill 172 and Senate Bill 444 which were passed this past legislative session. The Emergency Contract will be in effect January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This Emergency Contract will address the following:
    - i. Add-on services will be included in one administrative fee.
    - ii. Independent pharmacies will have the option to remain in the current PBM network or join a network of independents.
    - iii. The Emergency Contract will move from the Average Wholesale Price (AWP) pricing model to the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost (NADAC) pricing model.
  - c. OGB and CVS have agreed to terms of emergency contract.
  - d. OGB plans to issue an RFP for PBM services in early 2025. This RFP will contain more transparent pricing and the Louisiana Independent Pharmacists Association (LIPA) has been more involved in the discussion.
  - e. Ms. Andree Miller made a motion to ~~recommend~~<sup>Forward</sup> this information to the Policy and Planning Board. Mr. Blount seconded the motion. The Estimating Conference approved the motion unanimously.
  - f. Mr. Garrett made a motion to recommend this information to JLCB. Mr. Frank Opelka seconded the motion. The Policy and Planning Board approved the motion unanimously.
- VI. New Business
  - a. There was no new business.

VII. Adjournment


- a. Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nicholas seconded the motion. The Estimating Conference approved the motion unanimously.
- b. Mr. Garrett made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mike Saylor seconded the motion. The Policy and Planning Board approved the motion unanimously.

Approved by the Estimating Conference :

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Date Approved: 11/8/25

Approved by the Policy and Planning Board:

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Date Approved: 11/8/25