

1 SILVER STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

2 BOARD MEETING

3 MEETING TRANSCRIPT

4 TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023

5 DR. JAMESON: Extra brief Board meeting and roll call by Ryan?

6 HIGH: Sure. Now if I could start with just a few housekeeping
7 real quick?

8 DR. JAMESON: Sure.

9 HIGH: Kaitlyn is hosting this webinar for us as a reminder. Please
10 keep yourself muted if you are not the one presenting or making a comment. If you
11 would like to make a comment, please raise your electronic hand or indicate in the
12 chat box that you would like to make a comment and Kaitlyn will unmute you. For
13 those on the phone, please remember to mute yourselves or else we will hear your
14 private conversations. Madam Chair, there may be people on the telephone that
15 would like to make a public comment, so we just need to remember to ask if there
16 are any public comments on the phone. We also have our Carson City Conference
17 location open to the public so public comment may come from there as well. And for
18 anyone speaking, a friendly reminder, please remember to state your name for the
19 record before making a comment or presenting. Now take roll call. Okay. Dr.
20 Jameson?

21 DR. JAMESON: Present.

22 HIGH: Great. Ms. Valerie Clark?

23 CLARK: Present.

24 HIGH: Okay. Ms. Lavonne Lewis?

25 LEWIS: Present.

HIGH: Okay. Thank you. Dr. Friedman?

FRIEDMAN: Present.

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HIGH: Great. Thank you. Mr. Jonathan Johnson?

JOHNSON: Present. Great. Mr. Jose Melendrez?

MELENDREZ: Present.

HIGH: Great. Thank you. Mr. Quincy Branch?

BRANCH: Present.

HIGH: Great, thank you. Now we'll go to our ex-officios. Staci Weeks? Okay. Commissioner Scott Kipper?

KIPPER: Here

HIGH: And a warm welcome. Commissioner Kipper is our new ex-officio member, and welcome back to the state service here.

KIPPER: Thank you very much. Good to be here. Thanks, Ryan.

HIGH: Great. Thank you. And Theresa Bawden?

BAWDEN: Present. Hello, everyone.

HIGH: Great. Thank you. Madam Chair, we have a quorum.

DR. JAMESON: Florence Jameson here. Thank you so much, Ryan. So first we will start with the public comment. Do we have anyone on the line for public comment?

BLAGEN: Dr. Jameson, this is Kaitlyn. There is no public comment on the line as of now.

DR. JAMESON: Well, thank you so much and they will have an opportunity before we finish if they should join us. So, our first order of business is of course, the approval of our minutes from February 16, 2023 Board meeting, and they have been posted on the Silver State Health Exchange Insurance Exchange website and these are as noted from Thursday, February 16, 2023. I would love to entertain a motion to accept those minutes.

MELENDREZ: So moved, Jose Melendrez.

DR. JAMESON: Thank you. And is there --

CLARK: Valerie Clark, second.

DR. JAMESON: Thank you, Valerie. Having seconded that, is there

1 any discussion? As you have reviewed the minutes, are there any concerns of errors
2 or omissions? Any additions required? And if not, then hearing nothing, we'll go
3 ahead and take a vote. Everybody in favor just say aye. Everyone in favor, please say
4 aye.

MEMBERS: Aye.

5 DR. JAMESON: Is there anyone opposed? Not hearing any opposition,
6 anyone abstained? So very good, the minutes from our last Board meeting Thursday,
7 February 16, 2023, Silver State Exchange are approved. Our next item, which is so
8 exciting, is the approval of the Public Health Emergency Unwinding Special
9 Enrollment period. I want to thank our staff who has worked so long and hard on this
10 all last year with Medicaid officials and others to make this possible seamless
11 transition and as you can see, we are now ready to make an official approval of the
12 Public Health Emergency Unwinding Special Enrollment Period. Do I hear a motion to
13 accept this?

14 JOHNSON: Jonathan Johnson, motion to approve.

15 DR. JAMESON: Second?

16 LEWIS: Second.

17 DR. JAMESON: Thank you, Lavonne. Everybody in favor of the approval of
18 the Public Health Emergency Unwinding Special Enrollment, please say aye.

MEMBERS: Aye.

19 DR. JAMESON: Anyone opposed? Is there any abstaining? Thank
20 you. I'm so happy to say that it has been approved by the Board for the Public Health
21 Emergency Unwinding Special Enrollment Period, and it is indeed extremely exciting
22 as there could be as much as a couple hundred thousand individuals who may be
23 unrolled or unwinding or coming off over the next several months or year, and we
24 will be there. We will be there for them. And thank you for the staff at the Exchange
25 for just creating this wonderful process, all the notifications that you've been sending
out and will be doing, and for helping these individuals who will no longer have the
emergency public health. Thank you so much for helping them transition in this time

1 of their need for insurance. As we know, health insurance is so important. That's
2 why we're all here. You guys have really worked hard to make this happen so
3 seamless. So thank you. And finally, something very exciting and new as we talked
4 about in the last meeting and prior, which is the next item, the approval to revise the
5 NRS 695I.300, to add two additional voting Board members to the Exchange Board of
6 Directors to be appointed by the Governor for the purpose of the Tribal and minority
7 population representation. And also, this is extremely exciting for the Exchange to be
8 able to have these groups, the Tribal and minority population representation, on our
9 Board, and I want to thank everybody that worked hard on this to make it happen.
10 So let's go ahead and I'd ask for a motion to approve. And as you guys may know
11 when you read this, this of course is pending. The potential addition of these
12 members will be contingent upon the passage through the legislative process of the
13 state of Nevada to amend the NRS and at this point, we're doing our part. So I would
14 love to have a motion for the approval to revise the NRS 695I.300 for the two
15 additional voting Board members to the Exchange Board of Directors.

16 BRANCH: Mr. Quincy Branch, so moved.

17 MELENDREZ: Jose, second.

18 JAMESON: Thank you, Quincy and Jose. So everybody at this point, if
19 you'd like to have any discussion on this subject, we can discuss it. Hearing, no
20 discussion, any questions, any further questions to be addressed by Ryan and our
21 wonderful staff? Hearing none, then I would say, let's go ahead and take a vote.
22 Everybody in favor of the approval of the revision of NRS 695I.300, two additional
23 voting Board members to the Exchange Board of Directors to be appointed by the
24 Governor for the purpose of a Tribal and minority population representative, please
25 say aye.

MEMBERS: Aye.

DR. JAMESON: Anyone opposed? Anyone abstaining? Okay. Hearing
none, that motion has passed unanimously. Thank you. I'm not sure if you heard me
cause I was frozen, but that motion was passed unanimously. Thank you, everyone.

1 At this point we can move with brevity and vigor to the discussion and possible
2 actions regarding dates, times, and agenda items for our future meetings.

3 HIGH: If I may, Dr. Jameson, our next meeting is scheduled for
4 June 22 at 1:30 PM unless determined there should be one before that time.

5 DR. JAMESON: Is that -- now I just want to clarify. June --

6 HIGH: June 22.

7 DR. JAMESON: Did you say 11? Eleven?

8 HIGH: 1:30.

9 DR. JAMESON: Oh, okay. Okay. So at 1:30 PM?

10 HIGH: Yes.

11 DR. JAMESON: All right. And so that's excellent. It's sort of drifting from
12 the 12:30 to the 1:30 start.

13 HIGH: Yes.

14 DR. JAMESON: Okay. I'm very good with that. Is everybody on the Board,
15 is that still good with everyone? We were kind of at the 12:30 an now and then at
16 1:00 today and now kind of down to 1:30. Does that work for everybody okay?

17 UNIDENTIFIED: We will make it work.

18 DR. JAMESON: All right. Great attitude. And are there any other -- thank
19 you for that. Was there anything else that you, our Board, would like to see in the
20 way of agenda items for that future meeting that we had not previously told them
21 about at our prior meeting? Well, we will look forward to the Governor hopefully
22 having appointed our new Board members into meeting them and greeting them and
23 welcoming them at our next Board meeting. In the meantime, I just want to thank
24 everybody for taking this extra time for this additional Board meeting today. At this
25 point then, if there's anybody that came online for public comments, we would
entertain those public comments. Okay. How about any public comments, does our
staff see anything, anyone online?

BLAGEN: There is no public comment at this time.

DR. JAMESON: Excellent. Then I think we have wound up --

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DAVIS: Dr. Jameson?

DR. JAMESON: Yes?

DAVIS: So sorry, I just want to make sure that for the record, we also address our Carson City conference room to make sure and verify that there's no public comment coming from that physical location. If Alex Zanini (phonetic), who is in that room, if she could confirm for us, that would be great. Thank you.

DR. JAMESON: Excellent.

ZANINI: Alex Zanini for the record, there is no public comments in the conference room.

DR. JAMESON: Excellent, excellent. All right, then I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

CLARK: Valerie Clark, so moved.

MELENDREZ: Second, Jose.

JOHNSON: Johnson, second.

DR. JAMESON: And everybody who'd like to adjourn say aye.

MEMBERS: Aye.

DR. JAMESON: Adjourned. And thank you very much and enjoy this beautiful spring weather. Thank you so much. Have a great day.