

1 SILVER STATE HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

2 BOARD MEETING (Part 2)

3 MONDAY, JULY 31, 2023

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6 DAVIS: -- Sponsorship program as a whole. You know, since
7 probably the end of last year, um, and really started involving the division
8 of insurance and -- and Medicaid staff, um, at the beginning of the year.
9 So, um, I -- I do agree. I think that there could have been better
10 collaboration, you know, um, maybe having like advisory committees or
11 meetings with -- with certain members of the staff. Um, but we have
12 formally written up, we put a lot of blood, sweat, and tears into the
13 reports for the board meetings. And, um, I think that because our board
14 meetings tend to be so long, we just kind of glossed over those sections.
15 We didn't actually read the reports. The board just voted on, you know,
16 the steps that we needed to take to start implementing the tribal
17 sponsorship, uh, program. So, and, um, the tribes themselves have been
18 very, very adamant on the timing of implementing this. They've been
19 wanting, wanting to do this --

20 DETMER: Ms. Davis, Ms. Davis, I'm very sorry for interrupting.
21 Um, given that this is not an agendized topic, I know it came up during the
22 interviews, but because it's not agendized, I would only go so far as far as
23 the discussion in these regards and on this matter.

24 DAVIS: Yep, that's fine. I understand.

25 DETMER: I --I apologize.

DAVIS: Okay.

T. DAVIS: You're on mute, Dr. Jameson.

JAMESON: Uh, Janel, thank you for, uh, providing us with the

1 staff feedback that was available. Um, just wanted to go ahead now. I
2 think we're in an excellent place to see if any of the other, uh, any of our
3 board members would like to make further comments and have further
4 discussion or if they were ready with the additional information provided,
5 uh, to proceed for vote. Uh, any hands up from the board members?
6 Tiffany, do you see any hands up from board members that would want
7 further comments, discussions?

7 T. DAVIS: Dr. Jameson and Madam Chair, Tiffany Davis for the
8 record, I do not see any hands up at this time.

9 JAMESON: Okay. So, um, let's go to the next question -- which
10 was the next issue, which was, are you comfortable where we start off with
11 each board member? Um, we will -- uh, naming the candidate they would
12 like to do vote for as if it was a primary and there were three names there.
13 And then we tally up who gets the most votes, and if they're split, we will
14 take the two with the most votes and have a runoff. Or does anybody like
15 to recommend another way to do this? Any hands up?

15 T. DAVIS: Dr. Friedman, go ahead.

16 FRIEDMAN: Um, I have -- uh, Sarah Friedman for the record.
17 Um, so just to make sure I understand the procedure, are we saying that
18 they have to be a -- a tie in order to have further discussion or is it that,
19 so that we will go ahead with extra discussion for the top two candidates?

20 JAMESON: And we can -- we can absolutely do that as well. If
21 there's no further discussion at this point, we can go ahead and take a vote
22 and then if there is a tie, we can have further discussion if it's the option
23 of the board or go on with a final vote. But we can absolutely offer that as
24 an option.

24 T. DAVIS: Un-audible.

25 FRIEDMAN: Uh, Sarah Friedman the record. I think I am just

thinking I would be comfortable going ahead with a vote if we are going to

1 -- if we have the opportunity to think a little bit more about the top two
2 candidates rather than say whoever gets the majority or whoever gets the
3 highest number, um, we would go ahead with, if that makes sense.

4 JAMESON: Uh, it does make sense. Um, and, uh, so we could
5 take the top two and then, um, open for discussion of the top two, and if
6 there is discussion, you know, if there are people such as yourself who
7 want to further discussion -- for the discussion at that point. Otherwise, if
8 nobody does want to discuss, go to the final vote. Okay. So, --

9 CLARK: And I'm sure, Valerie Clark for the record. I would
10 agree with that. I think I would want to hear some of the other board
11 members' perspectives before I gave my final, final. So, if we could discuss
12 the top two that would give us time to discuss, uh, those top two people, I
13 think.

14 JAMESON: Oh, excellent. So if, uh, if that is good, if anybody
15 else has another comment, uh, we'll wait a minute for you to raise your
16 hands. Otherwise, we'll proceed with this plan, which means that Tiffany
17 will ask each board member to name their candidate and that will get us
18 through round one. And then with the top two, we will proceed with the
19 discussion after the top two have been selected. I don't see any hands up.
20 Tiffany, do you see any hands up before proceeding with that process?

21 T. DAVIS: Madam chair, Tiffany Davis for the record, I do not
22 see any hands at this time.

23 JAMESON: Tiffany, would you take roll call and I will go last
24 and we will, um, have everyone go ahead and give their candidate?

25 T. DAVIS: Yes, madam chair. Uh, Tiffany Davis for the record,
I'll go ahead and start with Valerie Clark.

CLARK: Thank you. Uh, Tiffany, at this point in time, my top
choice would be Russell Cook.

1 T. DAVIS: Thank you. And Ms. Elsie Lavonne Lewis.

2 LEWIS: Uh, my top candidate would be Troy Johns.

3 T. DAVIS: Thank you.

4 LEWIS: I'm sorry. Russell Cook. I'm sorry. Russell Cook. I'm
5 looking at the wrong name.

6 T. DAVIS: No problem. Thank you so much for confirming.

7 LEWIS: Mm-hmm.

8 T. DAVIS: Uh, Dr. Sarah Friedman?

9 FRIEDMAN: Um, I would say -- at this time I would say Troy
10 Johns.

11 T. DAVIS: Thank you. And Jonathan Johnson?

12 JOHNSON: Uh, Russell Cook

13 T. DAVIS: And Quincy Branch, who I saw joined us again?
14 Quincy, are you on and able to give a reply? I'm not hearing. I'll come
15 back to him in just a moment. Um, Dr. Jameson, I'll go ahead and call on
16 you.

17 JAMESON: Uh, Russell Cook.

18 T. DAVIS: Okay. And then one more time, I just want to make
19 sure that Quincy has a chance if he is on to reply. Thank you all for your
20 patience while we see if he's available. I know he had to drop off at one
21 point for an emergency, but it looks like he rejoined us, so I just want to,
22 again, verify that he has an opportunity to vote. So, thank you for your
23 patience with me while I confirm. Madam chair, Tiffany Davis for the
24 records, I just wanted to let you all go -- know that I did just text, um, Mr.
25 Branch to see if he is indeed on or if he is away from his computer and
unable to vote at this time.

JAMESON: Thank you, Tiffany. I think we're all comfortable
giving this a little bit more time.

1 T. DAVIS: Madam Chair, at this time, I'd like to -- to ask our
2 deck if I see a voting member's name, however, he's not responding
3 regarding whether he's actually available or not. How should I -- how
4 would you like us to proceed?

5 DETMER: Uh, Mike, for the record. Uh, unless I'm mistaken, I
6 believe you still have a quorum. Um, so you can proceed without him. And
7 this isn't the official vote, this is just the preliminary to get to the official
8 vote.

9 T. DAVIS: Perfect. Okay, sounds good. Then Madam Chair,
10 that concludes and Jose Melendez is not joining us. So that concludes our,
11 um, yes. The -- the board's decision at this time. Again, as, um, our DAG
12 has said, not the final vote, just preliminary,

13 JAMESON: And could you read us the total now?

14 T. DAVIS: Yeah, the total is that, um, Jennifer Krupp received
15 zero votes. Troy Johns received one vote, and Russell Cook received four
16 votes.

17 JAMESON: Thank you, Tiffany. We'll proceed to our, uh,
18 discussion of our top two candidates, uh, by John and Russell Cook. And at
19 this time, I will look for hands for those who would like to give additional,
20 um, additional comments, questions, discussion, and counting on your
21 eyes. Tiffany?

22 T. DAVIS: Yes, uh, Madam Chair, I see Dr. Friedman has a
23 question or comment she's like to make.

24 JAMESON: Dr. Friedman?

25 FRIEDMAN: Yeah, thank you. Um, Sarah Friedman, for the
record. Um, I think that we heard two excellent interviews of -- they --
both these candidates gave excellent interviews and I -- I really enjoyed,
um, hearing about their expertise and, and ideas for, um, the Exchange

1 and, um, and hearing about how they would lead the Exchange in -- in
2 various ways. Um, and it is -- I am sort of, uh, torn to -- to be frank about
3 my vote. Um, and, uh, one thing that was particularly, um, that is
4 particularly compelling to me, about Troy Johns is, is bringing in, an
5 outsider perspective. That said, given what we've heard about the current
6 needs of the Exchange, I also do recognize that that could be more
7 challenging bringing in someone from the outside, at least in the short
8 term, um, because it does sound like someone is needed who can step into
9 two people's roles immediately, um, you know, for, again, in the short
10 term. And that makes it particularly challenging for me to, um, to know
11 that that's the right choice -- that that's the right thing to base the
12 decision on. Um, I -- I really was interested to hear about Troy John's sort
13 of entrepreneurial perspective and, um, ideas about what that could bring
14 to the Exchange, um, but I think I -- I'd be, I'd be curious to hear what
15 other -- other board members think about that and, and how that could
16 potentially be an advantage, um, that would over, um, that -- that would
17 be something we should pri -- prioritize over someone with institutional
18 knowledge and who could clearly take on all of the key, uh, roles of the
19 executive director. Um, so I'm just curious about how -- how people think
20 the sort of entrepreneurial background of Troy Johns, um, could be an
21 asset that would -- that would help the Exchange.

19 JAMESON: Do we have, uh, any board members who would like
20 to, uh, make comments?

21 T. DAVIS: Madam chair, Valerie Clark, has her hand raised?

22 JAMESON: Valerie, thank you.

23 CLARK: Thanks, uh, madam chair. I, um, I echo those
24 statement -- that statement I almost to the T, I -- I see a great value in
25 maybe bringing in someone who has some entrepreneurial ideas and some,
uh, fresh experience or, you know, different experience, um, who's coming

1 in from the outside. I think there's some real value there. Um, but I'm
2 concerned about, um, the ability for him to jump in and just take over, uh,
3 something that is kind of like a fast-moving train right now, uh, especially
4 with the shorts, you know, with the exchange being short-staffed and what
5 have you. So, I completely echo, um, Sarah's statements and ultimately
6 that is why I chose Russell as my first choice but could easily be swayed to
7 Troy if I thought i -- i -- in a different time. You know what I'm saying? So
8 that's -- those are my comments.

8 T. DAVIS: Madam chair, uh, Ms. Lewis has her hands up.

9 JAMESON: Lavonne Lewis, please.

10 LEWIS: Uh, yes. I, uh, agree with Ms. Clark. Um, I feel that
11 our immediate needs for an executive director, um, while I support the
12 entrepreneurial aspects of our operation, and, uh, I have been here, been
13 on the board when we have had other executive directors from the outside
14 that, um, have not been as successful as we would've hoped. Uh, but I do
15 feel that our immediate needs, uh, for the immediate future say that I
16 would have to support, uh, Mr. Cook for the position because of his
17 knowledge of the operation coming in.

17 JAMESON: Thank you. And were there any other comments?

18 JOHNSON: Jonathan Johnson. Um, so I agree with everything
19 that's been shared up to this point. Um, I'll just -- I'll just kind of point out
20 this is more of a comment than like a question. Uh, this is the second time
21 that we've inter interviewed Troy Johns, um, for those that were around,
22 uh, when, uh, Ryan High was offered the job last time, Troy had
23 interviewed and -- and he was im -- impressive, uh, last go around as well.
24 Um, I was excited to see him throw his hat back in the ring again. This
25 time I think the last, um, the last few executive directors have come from
internal candidates, and a lot of the -- the same arguments that we've --
we've shared in the past have, um, have been shared again, uh, today, uh,

1 just kind of what that experience and familiarity with that process looks
2 like. And -- and that's, you know, I'm, I think I'm with everybody else
3 where, um, I'm a little bit torn in -- in that regard, um, uh, and -- and, you
4 know, valuing the experience and fam -- familiarity with, uh, with the
5 agency, um, being able to -- to hit the ground running. Uh, but I also
6 appreciated, the -- the comments by Commissioner Kipper and -- and
7 Stacie, just kind of with, you know, a -- a different perspective than maybe
8 we would look at things, as -- as a board. So it's, you know, that -- that's
9 how I had them ranked as I kind of, you know, I, I ranked them as -- as
10 we've been, um, talking before we got to a vote. Um, but it's -- it's pretty
11 close for me.

11 JAMESON: Thank you so much. I, um, just appreciate
12 everybody's comments, and as the chair, I -- I, uh, always like to reserve
13 any comments unless, you know, to be, uh, like break a tie or something to
14 say. But I just would say I would echo everybody's comments. We have
15 two outstanding candidates here, and, uh, yes, sometimes you also have to
16 look at the situation we're in and, uh, take that into -- into account. And
17 so I am ready to hear the vote. And do we --

17 WEEKS: Dr. Jameson, can I just ask a really quick question for
18 my own,

19 JAMESON: No problem. (inaudible)

20 WEEKS: -- sorry. I don't know this again, because I was -- had
21 to miss so much during session.

22 JAMESON: Yes.

23 WEEKS: Um, how long -- how long was this position posted for
24 again? Do -- do we know? Tiffany, maybe, you know?

25 JAMESON: Yes, Tiffany, and, uh, can tell us exactly how long
that was posted for.

1 T. DAVIS: I know it was, give me -- just give me one -- one
2 minute. Tiffany Davis for the record, if you don't mind and go back here.

3 JAMESON: We -- and did -- did we not extend that as well
4 because we had, uh, initially limited applicants and we extended it. I
5 believe?

6 T. DAVIS: The position for recruitment was posted on May
7 17th, 2023, and the posting closed on June 9th, 2023. And we received 10
8 applicants in total.

9 JAMESON: Did we have any applicants come in afterwards?

10 T. DAVIS: Not after the closing date, no. We did have one of
11 the applicants have to drop, so we were down to nine applicants. And then
12 when the board at the June 22nd board meeting, um, voted for the four
13 that would move forward in interview process, then um, that one of those
14 four needed to drop for personal reasons as well. So, then we were down
15 to the three that we -- the board has been interviewing today.

16 JAMESON: Did you have any other questions regarding the, um,
17 application posting process?

18 WEEKS: No, thank you. I just, you know, trying to understand
19 urgency, but also just mindful of the importance of the role. So, I just was
20 curious how long we had waited. I know it's hard to find candidates in for
21 Nevada.

22 JAMESON: Thank you very much. All right then. I think we, uh,
23 unless I'll give it another little minute here if any other comments,
24 otherwise, I, I think, uh, we can have Tiffany go ahead and take a roll call
25 vote. And this would be of course our final vote for selection of our CEO
of the exchange.

T. DAVIS: Madam chair, if you don't mind, if I clarify with our
DAG real quick, um, Mike, will they -- will we do a final vote and then do a

1 motion, or should a motion be done and then with a final vote, just so we
2 get the order?

3 DETMER: Uh, it'll be up to the board's discretion, but I would,
4 as long as the actual final formal vote goes to, you know, follows the
5 standard process of motion second.

6 JAMESON: Yes. I -- I would say we'll go ahead with the vote
7 and then once we have the candidate's name, we'll make a motion.

8 T. DAVIS: Sounds good. Thank you, madam chair. Tiffany
9 Davis again for the records. I'll go ahead and go, go through the, um, roll
10 call again. So, uh, Ms. Valerie Clark?

11 CLARK: Uh, I vote for Russell Cook

12 T. DAVIS: And Ms. Lewis?

13 CLARK: Vote for Russell Cook

14 T. DAVIS: And Dr. Friedman?

15 CLARK: I vote for Russell Cook

16 T. DAVIS: And Johnson Johnson?

17 CLARK: Russell Cook.

18 T. DAVIS: And I just, again, just to make sure if -- if Quincy
19 Branch is on, I just want to make sure he has enough availability. I don't
20 think he's with us even though his name shows. Okay. Not hearing from
21 him. Um, then Dr. Jameson?

22 JAMESON: Uh, Russell Cook.

23 T. DAVIS: Okay. Dr. Jameson Russell Cook has received, uh,
24 five -- five votes from our voting members.

25 JAMESON: Thank you. I would love to entertain a, um, motion
for, um, Russell Cook to be the new Executive Director of the Silver State
Health Exchange.

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JOHNSON: John Johnson, first.

CLARK: Valerie Clark. So go second.

JAMESON: First, and second. Jonathan Johnson, Valerie Clark, thank you. And everybody, um, we'll just go ahead and do one more roll call. Vote for this. Tiffany?

T. DAVIS: Sounds good. Ms. Clark?

CLARK: Um, I --, I wasn't sure what I was supposed to say.

JAMESON: Oh, nay, yay.

T. DAVIS: Yay. Okay. And Ms. Clark, I think, I believe that was a yay, correct?

CLARK: Yay. Yes.

T. DAVIS: Thank you for confirming. Ms. Lewis?

CLARK: Aye.

T. DAVIS: Aye. Thank you so much for confirming. Dr. Friedman?

FRIEDMAN: Aye.

T. DAVIS: Jonathan Johnson?

JOHNSON: Aye.

T. DAVIS: And again, I believe we do not have Quincy branch with us. Um, and then Dr. Jameson?

JAMESON: Aye. Okay. Uh, we have, uh, five and, uh, everyone has supported the motion. So, the motion for, uh, Russell Cook as the new CEO of the Silver State Exchange has passed. Oh, be, um, did we do, uh, yeah, we did the first second discussion and it's passed. We're good. Excellent. Congratulations are in order for Russell Cook.

T. DAVIS: So, Madam Chair, and, and, uh, I believe our HR Representative, Monique, (phonetic) or our DAG (phonetic) can correct me

1 if I'm wrong, but if that this time then since the board has made that vote,
2 we would bring Russell Cook into the main room for you to make that
3 official offer to him and for him to accept. So, does -- can Monique come
4 on and -- and, uh, confirm that I'm correct on that.

5 WILLIAMSON: Yeah, that is my understanding, yes, correct.
6 You can bring him in and make the offer.

7 T. DAVIS: Thank you so much, Monique, for confirming that.
8 And Kaitlyn, do you wanna go ahead and move Russell Cook back into the
9 main room?

10 JAMESON: Do we need to include what his salary would be?

11 T. DAVIS: Not at this time, Dr. Jameson?

12 JAMESON: Thank you.

13 T. DAVIS: And, uh, Dr. Jameson, the Madam Chair, Russell
14 Cook is in the room with us.

15 JAMESON: And we'll wait for our camera on Russell.

16 T. DAVIS: His camera is on, Madam Chair.

17 JAMESON: Welcome, Russell. Although I -- I can't see you, but,
18 um, yes, uh, Florence Jameson, Chair, we are delighted to tell you that,
19 um, we have just finished our vote and that you have been unanimously
20 approved new CEO of the Silver State Exchange. Congratulations. And
21 again, thank you so much for your dedication, your unbelievable hard
22 work, all the expertise that you will bring to this job, including the
23 incredible, um, ethics, uh, of the, your honesty, ireg -- integrity and
24 transparency. And I do believe that you will also bring a lot of innovative
25 entrepreneurial type ideas, even though you've been well entrenched in
the current system. And I'm just excited to offer you this position. And
what say you?

COOK: This is a tremendous honor. I -- I moved more than I

1 thought I would be, and I, I wholeheartedly accept. I'm -- I'm really
2 looking forward to serving, uh, serving this board. Thank you so much.

3 JAMESON: I would love for the board to have an opportunity to
4 say something as well. The other members.

5 COOK: Thank you.

6 CLARK: I'd just like to say congratulations, Russell. I look, look
7 forward to working with you, and if there's any assistance I can provide at
8 any time, I'm always available.

9 COOK: Thank you, Ms. Clark. I'm very grateful.

10 JAMESON: And anyone else, please feel free to say your name
11 and speak up our ex-officios members with their wonderful input today.
12 Please if anybody else would like to make any other, uh, comments, please
13 feel free to do so.

14 LEWIS: Congratulations, Russell.

15 COOK: Uh, thank you, Ms. Lewis.

16 LEWIS: And good luck.

17 COOK: Thank you very much.

18 FRIEDMAN: Congratulations. It was great to -- to hear about
19 your expertise and can't wait for, uh, to -- to work with you.

20 COOK: Thank you so much. I -- I really appreciate your -- your
21 time and consideration today.

22 JOHNSON: Jonathan Johnson, just want to say congratulations,
23 um, really appreciate the energy and enthusiasm, um, that you shared
24 during your interview and, um, look forward to, to working with you.

25 COOK: Thank you. It -- it's an honor. Thank you.

WEEKS: Uh, echo that. This is Stacie Weeks for the record. I'm
looking forward to partnering with you at Medicaid. Um, you have a lot of

1 work ahead of us. Thank you.

2 COOK: Absolutely. Thank you so much. You -- you'll be
3 hearing from me very soon. Your -- your points --

4 WEEKS: I, well, I hope so. Yes. Thank look forward to working
5 with you.

6 COOK: You as well

7 KIPPER: And from the Division of Insurance, Scott Kipper, for
8 the record, I would echo, uh, Director Weeks. Uh, we're looking very much
9 forward to working with you and the, uh, crack Exchange Team.

10 COOK: Thank you, Mr. Kipper. And, and likewise, your points
11 are very well taken and I'll -- I'll be in touch very soon. I -- I would very
12 much like to share an overview of what we've been working on for our
13 tribes and, uh, see -- see what, uh, recommendations you might have.

14 JAMESON: Thank you everybody, and thank you to the staff for
15 all their hard work in, um, posting this and reviewing all the applications,
16 organizing it, and for our DAG and everyone who has been involved in
17 making sure this process was transparent, ethical with integrity,
18 transparency, and I -- I just appreciate everyone that is volunteering here
19 for the entire day that you've been spending. So, we will, um, I'm not
20 sure, but, uh, ex -- excuse you Russell Cook and go with our last couple of
21 items on our agenda so that everybody can be footloose, fancy free. It's
22 been a -- a wonderful effort put out by all and I can't say how happy we all
23 are with the result. Thank you, Russell Cook for this.

24 CLARK: Madam chair, can I ask one question? Did we establish
25 a start date for Russell?

26 JAMESON: Oh yes, he's starting tomorrow. Well, with few -- as
27 he said, as soon as human resources can straighten, take care of the
28 paperwork.

1 T. DAVIS: Madam chair, uh, and I'd like to answer Ms. Clark's
2 question to that and for the board so that you know, all the, um, offer
3 letter and the paperwork that comes after this. Myself, I'll be working
4 closely with HR regarding all of terms, conditions, paperwork that needs to
5 go into, um, getting them into his new position. So, if anybody has
6 questions about that, please let me know.

7 JAMESON: Thank you. Okay. Is -- is, uh, Russell in here out
8 now or in, or probably does it matter?

9 T. DAVIS: It actually at this point, Dr. Jameson, it doesn't
10 matter since the interview has concluded, um, the candidates may join our
11 meeting. I will say that Janel Davis, um, has been tasked with calling the
12 other two candidates who have not received this position to kindly and
13 politely let them know that they were not chosen at this time for this
14 position. So, Janel Davis will be making those phone calls here shortly.

15 JAMESON: Thank you. Item number 6 for possible action is for
16 action, review the comments, feedback from the insurance carriers
17 collected during the public comment period approved that the June 22nd
18 board meeting related to the proposed additional language in the Exchange
19 annual issuer agreement that Nevada Health Link policy manual and
20 approve of the final language in reference to the CFR 155.240B, and
21 aggregated billing between issuers and Nevada Tribal Nations. What I
22 would like to do at this time is ask for a motion and a second -- and then
23 have discussion prior to our vote, and hopefully have our input from
24 everyone, especially our Ex-Officio members on this action item. Do I hear
25 a motion?

LEWIS: This is Elsie Lewis and I move that we approved the
aggregated language for the title program.

JAMESON: Thank you. Is there a second? I think, uh, did -- did
we get our second?

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LEWIS: Nope.

FRIEDMAN: Sarah Friedman for the record. I second.

JAMESON: Thank you Dr. Friedman. I would like now to open for discussion and comments.

T. DAVIS: Dr. Jameson. Tiffany Davis, if I may, on this agenda item, there's a lot that is entailed with the approval of this, so I just wanted, if -- if with the board's permission, if you don't mind if Janel Davis or even Russell Cook provide a little bit more maybe information as far as, what the board is approving here, just so it's very, very clear what's kind of going on in this process. It -- would that be okay?

JAMESON: Oh, this is the perfect time for that discussion. It would be fantastic. Thank you so much.

T. DAVIS: Okay, great. Janel, do you want to go ahead and jump in?

DAVIS: Yeah, absolutely. Thank you so much. And, now is more -- a more appropriate time to discuss this, than when I was getting feedback. So, my apologies again for that. And, I do want to note that in the previous two board meetings we have written up formal reports specifically as it relates to the tribal sponsorship program, um, and both of those reports were also voted on, but we didn't have the opportunity to actually read the full report. The board just voted on what -- what -- what -- what they needed to vote on, which, which is fine. It's, it's to your discretion, but it is obviously a hot topic item for everyone, and so I was hoping that I could at least read the summary of -- of kind of what's going on, um, currently with -- with the project itself. Um, so ironically enough, we did remove the, um, the background information, but all of this information is on our website from past, uh, board meetings. So, um, just in the interest of time, I -- I won't, you know, give the full background.

~~But, this, this agenda item specifically is about the aggregated billing for~~

1 tribal health clinics, after the conclusion of the public comment period,
2 which was actually extended based on our last board meeting since this
3 meeting was not, um, when we were planning on having it. So, I'll just
4 read over this, the summary of changes. So, the Exchange received, uh, a
5 good amount of, uh, comments and questions during that public comment
6 period. This feedback has inc -- include -- has been included in the for
7 board consideration and approval section of this report. The changes
8 reflected below, um, are in the proposed language for the plan year 24
9 issuer agreement, as well as the Nevada Health Link Policy man -- manual.
10 And they were intended to address and resolve these comments and
11 questions and feedback. In particular, the feedback we received convinced
12 the exchange that an additional document, which was not included for
13 review during the public comment period, would be necessary to cement
14 the business relationship between the tribal health clinics, the
15 participating issuers, um, of their choice, and clearly delineate the roles
16 and responsibilities for both clinics and the participating issuers. Nope,
17 I'm sorry, I'm misreading here. Clearly delineate the roles and
18 responsibilities for both parties. Sorry about that. So, this forthcoming
19 document that I mentioned, which we are referring to as the addendum for
20 the aggregation of monthly premiums for tribal enrollees, is still under
21 internal development. However, a draft version of this document will be
22 circulated to both the issuers and the tribal health clinics, sometime in
23 August, for their review by their respective legal teams. So, we do have
24 within this report the existing CFR and then the proposed language that we
25 are adding to the draft issuer agreement, as well as the Nevada Health Link
Policy manual. So, I'm not going to read all of that, you know, word for
word. And then what -- what you just voted on, and for your, the board
consideration and approval, was to basically consider the final language
based on the feedback that we received from issuers. So also included in

1 this document or this report are all of the questions that we received from
2 the insurance carriers and other stakeholders during the public comment
3 period. So, we have all of these questions listed out. This was kind of in
4 lieu of public comment if you will. All of these questions have been
5 answered and will be posted on our tribal webpage on Nevada
6 healthlink.com. There was also a letter from Anthem, which is now
7 referred to or called Elevance Health, I believe I'm pronouncing that
8 correctly. But this -- this letter or memo was specifically addressed to the
9 board, which is why we included it here for you. And then the other
10 questions received from insurance carriers and also our new carriers that
11 will be coming onto the exchange were listed here. And these were just by
12 way of email. So, again, all of these questions have been answered, and
13 we will be posting all of this, um, on our website. So, any further
14 questions after that review?

15 BLAGEN: Kaitlyn Blagen, for the record. It looks like Russell
16 Cook has his hand raised.

17 COOK: Thank you, Kaitlyn. I just wanted to kind of add to -- to
18 what Janel read and -- and clarify in light of some of the questions that
19 were raised by, earlier, by Ms. Weeks and, and by Mr. Kipper. There are a
20 number of documents that are referenced, uh, in this proposal here. And
21 with regard to what exactly the board is -- is voting to approve today,
22 there are two key documents. One is called the Nevada Health Link Policy
23 Manual. That is a public facing document that describes Nevada Health
24 Link policies applicable to all of our stakeholders, including consumers,
25 enrollment partners, insurance carriers, health providers as well. And,
that document, uh, is -- is -- is the main part of the reason. It's my
understanding that, we opened up this, this public comment process, that
was in large part due to the recommendation of our DAG. There's a second
document which is called the Annual Issuer Agreement. And I just wanted

to clarify that that document has an annual review process associated with

1 it already. It usually is circulated amongst our insurance carriers each year
2 in August for their commentary and review. And I just wanted to clarify
3 that, that document, the Issuer Agreement, is not going to be finalized in
4 its existing form based upon the vote today. What we've provided for
5 review and approval is an excerpt from that document. It's a one specific
6 subsection of that document, um, which we have developed language, uh,
7 for the, um, the aggregated, uh, aggregation of, of these monthly premium
8 payments. There will be a second round of review, uh, in large part
9 because there are additional changes that are not to do with aggregated
10 billing that the exchange is proposing, uh, to take effect in plan year 2024.
11 So, with regard to the questions, uh, that were raised, um, by Ms. Weeks
12 and, uh, by Mr. Kipper, there will be an additional opportunity to refine
13 that language and we would very much look forward to your support, uh, in
14 that department. There will also be an opportunity to review and provide
15 commentary on this additional supplemental document that Janelle
16 mentioned, the Addendum, covering the aggregation of these monthly
17 premiums. So, the, uh, the Addendum is intended to be attached to the
18 network provider agreement, which would be subject to renewal on an
19 annual basis. I just wanted to clarify a little bit about the mechanics of
20 what we're reposing. And -- and -- and, yes, Ms. Weeks, I see -- see you
21 have your hand raised.

19 JAMESON: Thank you so much, Russell. That is extremely
20 helpful and clarifying that you actually have further clarification of the
21 steps forward. Very helpful indeed. Are there any questions? Does
22 anybody have to, in a further comment or questions for Russell or in
23 general regarding this motion today?

24 WEEKS: I have my hand up, Dr. Jameson.

25 JAMESON: Oh, thank you so much.

WEEKS: Thank you.

1 JAMESON: Please.

2 WEEKS: So, Russ, thank you. That was super helpful. I
3 appreciate understanding sort of the authorities piece of this and where it
4 goes. You know, I think just because I am a newish board member, I would
5 recommend this board going forward that there is more of a, and maybe
6 you guys did reach out and during session I was unable to do this, but
7 some sort of prep for new board members because it's really hard to
8 engage, understand like, oh, you're basically changing policy, which in my
9 mind as an attorney is sometimes like regulation, but not necessarily. But
10 I, you know, it's helpful for me to understand these things and I -- and you
11 know, I missed a lot because I was busy during session. You know,
12 Medicaid has its thing too. And so, and I know we're ex-officio, but we are
13 board members. And so, you know, having sort of that new member
14 training would be really helpful. And so we can better engage, especially
15 as new board members. So, but thank you, Russ. I appreciate the
16 explanation. Look forward to continuing to work with you on that.

17 COOK: For my part, I think that's an excellent suggestion. Uh,
18 frankly, I think in hindsight that this process would have benefited from
19 that degree of board involvement. And I think that's -- that -- that's
20 definitely a lesson learned here. Um, we are, um, you know, I -- I wouldn't
21 say that we're making it up as we go along here, but, but this is definitely
22 new territory. We're chartering new territory for the exchange. And I -- I
23 think the collaborative nature of this process, I think we certainly had
24 some successes, but the collaborative nature has definitely highlighted
25 some deficiencies to the process as well. So, we definitely look forward
to, to closing those gaps.

WEEKS: Thank you. No, we all struggle with that. So, I'll say
Nevada Medicaid is not always the best at that either, so I understand how
that goes. So please, you know, just know I, we want to work with you on

1 things where we can. So just, you know, I just want to echo that, um,
2 offer.

3 COOK: We appreciate you very much. I appreciate you putting
4 that in constructive terms as well 'cause we feel the same way. Thank you.

5 JAMESON: Thank you so much, Stacie. Were there any other
6 comments?

7 T. DAVIS: Hello board, I, madam chair, I'm so sorry if -- if, uh,
8 somebody had asked me a question, my apologies. I was just making a few
9 phone calls to the candidates who had not been chosen.

10 JAMESON: No, uh, you did not miss anything, uh, for you,
11 questions for you. I don't see hands raised, so I believe we will be ready,
12 for the final vote. So, that being the case do I, one moment here as I get
13 myself -- my computer up to speed here. So, I think we are ready now, to
14 vote on the proposed additional language in the exchange annual issuer
15 agreement, Nevada Health Inc. Policy manual, an approval of final
16 language in reference to the CFR 155.240B, an aggregated billing between
17 issuers and the Nevada Tribal Nations. So, do I hear a motion and a
18 second?

19 LEWIS: Do I hear a motion? No.

20 JAMESON: Thank you. Lavonne Lewis. A second.

21 LEWIS: Now I believe I had a motion to accept this. That was
22 the motion that I made earlier.

23 JAMESON: Oh, okay. That's right. So, we can take our vote.
24 We're done with our discussion. Thank you so much. I'm ready for lunch.
25 Low blood sugar. And, so we'll go ahead and take a vote. And I think for
this will just be an aye everybody in favor do say aye.

MEMBERS: Aye.

JAMESON: Any opposition? None heard. Any abstinence,

1 anyone abstaining hearing? No. Other, uh, abstaining or, then it's a
2 unanimously passed our motion. Thank you everyone. And now for our
3 discussion of possible actions regarding dates, times, and agenda items for
4 the future meetings. I would entertain any, any recommendations for any
5 actions regarding items, uh, for future agenda. Tiffany, at this time, can
6 you remind everybody for the date, uh, of time of the next meeting?

7 T. DAVIS: Yes, Madam Chair. Tiffany Davis. For the record,
8 our next meeting that is scheduled is currently on Thursday, October 12th
9 at 1:30 p.m.

10 JAMESON: And is there, uh, any particular items, uh, that e --
11 or any of our members would like put on the agenda? I am sure we will
12 have follow-up on the action item that we just passed the progress on, um,
13 everything going on with the, uh, Nevada Tribal Nations and the Exchange.
14 We'll have an update, I'm sure. And we were also expecting an update as
15 the months and the year goes on, um, as the public health crisis had, uh,
16 emergency had ended, the update on how we -- how we are doing and
17 helping those that are rolling off Medicaid and how well we are capturing
18 them to give them the assistance they need with the qualified health plan
19 that's appropriate for them. Were there any other, uh, particular items
20 that other board members would like to be sure are on the agenda next
21 time? Well, I, for one, will be excited to hear our first, uh, our new chief
22 executive, uh, o -- officers, uh, first report. It's always something we all
23 enjoy reading, uh, and hearing from you. So, we look forward to that
24 report in our next meeting. No other comments or agenda items? I'm
25 trying to think if there was something else that somebody mentioned they
wanted to come back on the next meeting.

LEWIS: What about the public comment.

JAMESON: What was that? Lavonne, I didn't catch that.

LEWIS: Oh, I was just saying, are we down to public comment?

1 That was my question.

2 JAMESON: Public comment.

3 T. DAVIS: Madam Chair, thank you so much. Tiffany Davis for
4 the record. I'll go ahead and ask Alexandria if in the Carson City
5 conference room or physical location, is there any public comment in our
6 physical location?

7 ZANINI: Alexandria for the record. There is no public comment
8 here in the Carson City location.

9 T. DAVIS: Thank you for that confirmation. And then madam
10 chair, I'd like to go online, and I'd like to remind those who are online, if
11 you would like to make a public comment, please raise your electronic
12 hand or indicate in the chat box if you would like to make a comment. Um,
13 and if you could, please indicate that Ka -- Kaitlyn will call on you and you
14 may unmute yourself at that time. Kaitlyn, do we have any public
15 comments online via chat or electronic hands?

16 BLAGEN: Kaitlyn Blagen for the record. No, Tiffany, I am not
17 seeing any electronic hands at this time.

18 T. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. And are on the phone lines. If we
19 have anybody on the phone lines those, anybody on the phone lines may
20 unmute themselves at this time and go ahead and make public comments.
21 Is there anyone on any phone lines, Kaitlyn, that you can confirm?

22 BLAGEN: Kaitlyn for the record. No, That there is nobody on
23 the phone lines at this time.

24 T. DAVIS: Thank you for that. And, madam chair, I would like
25 to say I just got off the phone with our two candidates who, um, were not
chosen for the position and Troy Jones had just expressed his gratitude for
the opportunity to speak with you all and to, for the pleasure of once again
being interviewed from, in front of you all. I just wanted to add that.

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JAMESON: Thank you very much. I will entertain a motion for adjournment and just thank everyone again.

JOHNSON: Jonathan Johnson, motion to adjourn

JAMESON: Everyone in favor, aye.

MEMBERS: Aye.

JAMESON: Thank you all and have a wonderful day. Looking forward to seeing you Thursday, October 12th. Thank you so much.

T. DAVIS: Thank you. Have a great day.