



MINUTES

SIRMA I JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY WORKERS' COMPENSATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 28, 2023
8:30 a.m.

ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING

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1. Call to Order

President Sonia Pishehvar called the meeting to order at 8:34am.

2. Roll Call

Acton Agua Dulce Union School District, none
Antelope Valley Union High School District, Daniel Ramos
Gorman School District, Denise Saenz
Keppel Union School District, Lisa Shaaban arrived at 8:47am
Palmdale School District, Dawn Schmucker
Westside Union School District, none
William S. Hart Union High School District, Collyn Nielsen

The JPA manager announced a quorum was present. Rebecca Fox, Risk Management Coordinator from Antelope Valley UHSD was introduced as a new hire at the district.

3. Approval of Agenda

The manager requested an addition to the agenda. Add Item F for a State of the Insurance Market presentation by the broker, John Massari. A motion was made by Collyn Nielsen to approve the agenda with the requested addition. A second was made by Daniel Ramos. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

AYES:

Daniel Ramos
Denise Saenz
Dawn Schmucker
Collyn Nielsen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

4. Assembly Bill 361 for March 28, 2023 Meeting

A motion was made by Collyn Nielsen to continue the meeting virtually for safety reasons. A second was made by Dawn Schmucker. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

AYES:

Daniel Ramos
Denise Saenz
Dawn Schmucker
Collyn Nielsen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

5. Public Comments

There was a request made by President Pishehvar for any public comments. No public comments.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Closed Session

A. Claims Settlements and Ratifications

President Pishehvar called for closed session. A motion was made to move to closed session by Daniel Ramos. A second was made by Dawn Schmucker. A roll call vote was held. The motion passed and non-Board members were moved to the virtual waiting room.

AYES:

Daniel Ramos
Denise Saenz
Dawn Schmucker
Collyn Nielsen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

The Board moved into closed session at 8:40am.

Shaun Perryman from Sedgwick presented claims for Board consideration. Jaymin Allen from Adminsure presented claims for Board consideration. Lisa Shaaban arrived at 8:46am.

There was a motion made by Daniel Ramos to move back into open session. A second was made by Collyn Nielsen. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

AYES:

Daniel Ramos
Denise Saenz
Lisa Shaaban
Dawn Schmucker
Collyn Nielsen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

The meeting returned to open session at 8:50am. The guests were returned from the virtual waiting room. President Pishehvar announced that a vote was taken and the claims were approved as submitted.

8. JPA Administration

A. Form 700 Annual Filing

The JPA Manager announced the April filings were due.

B. Conference Attendance

Dawn Schmucker advised she wished to attend CAJPA in September. Members were invited to contact JPA management to advise if they were planning on attending CAJPA.

C. Draft JPA Meeting Schedule 23/24

Review of recommended meeting dates. JPA Manager to correct dates and return the final Schedule to the May meeting.

D. Legal Panel Review

The JPA Manager presented the list of approved attorneys/firms on the JPA Legal Panel along with the contact information. Dawn Schmucker requested Rudy Grob's contact information be included.

E. Directors' and Officers' Errors and Omission Coverage

The JPA Manager presented the current information pertaining to the renewal of the JPA's Directors' & Officers' Errors and Omissions policy that expires July 1, 2023. The renewal application has been completed by the President Pishehvar and submitted to the underwriter. The quote is not likely to be received by the Manager until the first of June for the 7/1/23-7/1/24 renewal. The manager will update the Board at the May meeting.

F. State of Insurance Market

This agenda item was added by motion and vote. John Massari of VINSA Insurance Presented a Power Point document with an overview of the continuing hard insurance market. The member payrolls increased for the renewal year, workers' compensation indemnity benefits continue to increase along with medical treatments, physicians received a "raise" through legislation increasing the Official Medical Fee Schedule. PRISM is in the process of finalizing the renewal and we anticipate a 5% to 6% increase in the rate. John will be reaching out to the members over the next several weeks to share their individual rates and we will bring the premium spreadsheet back to the May meeting after receiving final premium information from PRISM.

9. Financials

A. Draft Actuarial Report for 23/24

Greg Beaulieu of Bickmore Actuarial presented the draft Actuarial Report for 23/24. Greg noted the market has never see anything like this before. Natural disasters and Catastrophic claims are hitting everyone and every line of insurance is impacted. California continues to experience general liability mega verdicts, SAM claims, and cyber is becoming more and more difficult to obtain coverage. Workers' compensation is starting to trend in a more favorable direction.

A motion was made by Collyn Nielsen to accept the actuarial draft as final. A second was made by Daniel Ramos. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

AYES:

Daniel Ramos
Denise Saenz
Lisa Shaaban
Dawn Schmucker
Collyn Nielsen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

B. Draft Budget for 23/24

The Budget review will be deferred to the May meeting when we expect to have the PRISM premium contribution information.

C. Draft PRISM Primary & Excess Workers' Compensation Premium Indication 23/24

The Premium Contribution review will be deferred to the May meeting when we expect to have the PRISM premium information.

10. Loss Control

A. Loss Control Update

Maria Brunel presented and reviewed their continued support to districts including ergo evals, both virtual and in person, monthly support with M&O trainings. Maria noted they have bilingual consultants available. Maria will be reaching out to the new contacts at both Antelope Valley UHSD and Acton Agua Dulce USD.

11. Consent Items

- A.** Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2023
- B.** Check Register 1.1.23 to 2.28.23
- C.** Quarterly Financial Report of 12.31.22
- D.** Treasurer's Report of 12.31.22

The consent items were presented for Board consideration. A motion was made by Daniel Ramos to accept the consent items as presented. A second was received by Lisa Shaaban. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed.

AYES:

Daniel Ramos
Denise Saenz
Lisa Shaaban
Dawn Schmucker
Collyn Nielsen

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

12. Information

Board Comments

Daniel Ramos of Antelope Valley UHSD noted their workers' compensation program is moving from his department in human resources to business services and this would be the last meeting for Daniel as a Board of Director. Daniel reintroduced Rebecca Fox who hails from health care risk management and will be appointed to the Board.

Sonia Pishehvar thanked everyone for their continued work and support of the JPA.

Broker Comments

None.

Manager Comments

None.

Claims Administrators' Comments

Misael Peraza, Client Services from Sedgwick, presented a recent fraud conviction which resulted in restitution to the JPA in the amount of \$10,647.17. He reminded members to continue to report positive COVID cases as they are still required to collect information and make claims decisions based on SB 1159.

Jaylin Allen noted that Palmdale has a new adjuster. Also noted that COVID claims has experienced a slight uptick in reporting but there have been no defined outbreaks.

Agenda items for the next meeting on May 23, 2023 location TBD/virtual.

- Final Budget
- Final Meeting Schedule
- SIRMA I run off claims contract with Sedgwick
- Final Premium Contribution for 23/24
- Election of officers
- Board of Directors' Errors and Omissions Policy quote
- AB 361 virtual meeting decision
- Premium invoice schedule for 23/24
- January off-site strategic planning meeting discussion

13. Adjournment

A motion was made by Daniel Ramos to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Dawn Schmucker. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:53am.