A meeting of the State Board of Finance of the State of Arkansas was held Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 9:30 am, pursuant to notice duly given to each member of the Board by the Chairman. The meeting was held in the Timberlands Conference Room, in the Winthrop Rockefeller Building. A Zoom recording of the meeting is available through the Treasurer of State’s office.

The following members were present:

Larry Walther, Secretary of DFA
Dennis Milligan, Treasurer of State
Andrea Lea, Auditor of State
Susannah Marshall, Arkansas Bank Commissioner
Eric Munson, Commissioner, Arkansas Securities Department
Cale Turner, Appointed Member
Keith Konecny, Appointed Member
Amy Fecher, Governor’s designee, and Secretary of Transformation and Shared Services
Clay Conly, Appointed Member (Zoom)
James Britton, Appointed Member (Zoom)

Others present were Jason Brady, Stacy Peterson, Autumn Sanson, and Grant Wallace of the Treasurer’s staff, and Alan McVey, Paul Louthian, and Debbie Rogers of the Department of Finance and Administration. Jake Bleed, Director of EBD, and several employees of the Employment Benefit Division were also in attendance. Mr. Dwight Davis of EBRx UAMS was also present. Secretary Walther seeing a quorum, called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 were approved as presented.
Mr. Walther began by addressing the first agenda item, which was naming board members to the subcommittees of the EBD board. Mr. Walther named Commissioner Eric Munson, Mr. Keith Konecny, and Mr. Cale Turner to the state and public school life and health insurance board benefits sub-committee. A motion to accept was made by Treasurer Milligan and seconded by Commissioner Marshall. All members were in favor. Mr. Walther additionally named Auditor Lea, Commissioner Susannah Marshall, and Mr. Clay Conly to state and public school life and health insurance board quality of care subcommittee. A motion to accept was made by Mr. Konecny and seconded by Treasurer Milligan. All members were in favor. Meeting times of the subcommittees were distributed in the paperwork given to board members.

Chairman Walther then recognized Secretary Amy Fecher to present the next item on the agenda. Secretary Fecher turned the meeting over to Mr. Paul Sakhrani with Milliman Consulting. Mr. Sakhrani addressed the different scenarios that the previous EBD Board proposed. These scenarios were presented to the board on an interactive spreadsheet and new outcomes were produced based on the board’s inquiries. The board requested that many different scenarios be generated within the spreadsheet. Several different possibilities were examined and vetted in detail. [00:06:06-01:35:40, Zoom recording]

Mr. Walther next recognized Secretary Fecher and EBD Director, Jake Bleed, to go over Agenda item 3c, which was the contract renewals. These renewals included MedImpact Healthcare Systems, Inc, which serves as the pharmacy claims administrator, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, which is data utilization for plan analysis, EBRx UAMS, which is
responsible for supporting the drug utilization and evaluation subcommittee of the EBD board. The next contract was the ConnectYourCare, LLC., which manages the health savings account (HSA), and the flex spending accounts (FSA) for state and public school employees. The last of five contracts that would need approval for renewal by June 30, 2021 was the Mainstream Technologies, Inc. This company provides software development and services for the benefits administration services. The last contract renewal was with HMO Partners, dba Health Advantage, which includes claims administration, medical management, employee assistance, and actuarial services. This contract will be up for renewal on August 21, 2021. A motion was made by Commissioner Munson to renew the 5 contracts that had a renewal date of June 30, 2021, with the stipulation of no rate increases. The motion was seconded by Mr. Konecny. Auditor Lea and Treasurer Milligan opposed the motion, and the additional members were in favor. [01:45:00-01:58:08, Zoom recording]

Chairman Walther then suggested that additional discussion of the public employee insurance plan take place at the upcoming meeting on June 1st before any additional decisions were made. Seeing no additional business, Chairman Walther asked for a motion to adjourn and reconvene on Tuesday June 1, 2021 at 9:30. Mr. Konecny made the motion for adjournment and Commissioner Munson seconded. All members were in favor. [01:58:08-02:04:45, Zoom presentation]