

MINUTES
Approved by the Committee
State Employee Group Insurance & Benefits Committee
Thursday, May 18, 2017
9:30 A.M.
Room EW42
Boise, Idaho

Co-chair Todd Lakey called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.; a silent roll call was taken. Committee members in attendance: Co-chair Senator Todd Lakey and Co-chair Representative Fred Wood; Senators Dan Johnson, Jim Patrick, and Mark Nye; Representatives Neil Anderson, Robert Anderst, Dustin Manwaring, and Hy Kloc. Senator Robert Nonini participated via conference-phone. Legislative Services Office (LSO) staff present were: Kristin Ford, Tetiana Kanashuk, and Ana Lara.

Other attendees: Director Robert L. Geddes, Deputy Director Keith Reynolds, and Jennifer Pike, Dept. of Administration.

Co-chair Lakey called for the approval of the May 4, 2017 minutes. **Co-chair Wood made a motion to approve the May 4, 2017 minutes. Representative Anderst seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session

Co-chair Wood made a motion to adjourn to executive session at 9:38 a.m., citing I.C. 74-206(1)(a) To consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, wherein the respective qualities of individuals are to be evaluated in order to fill a particular vacancy or need. Senator Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by all members present, and by Senator Nonini participating via conference-phone. The executive session concluded at 3:03 p.m.

Open Session

Co-chair Lakey called the committee meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and resumed open session. **Co-chair Wood made a motion that the committee seek approval from the Speaker and the Pro Tem of the Senate to retain Mercer as the consultant to the interim committee on group health insurance, and that upon approval, the Co-chairs are authorized to negotiate a contract with Mercer, and upon conclusion of negotiations the Co-chairs will present the proposed agreement for approval to the full committee. Representative Anderst seconded the motion.**

Co-chair Wood stated that the committee had received several good proposals from various consultants. However, after meeting with three of the consultants today, he felt that Mercer can assist the committee with the charge given by the legislature. **The motion passed unanimously.**

Co-chair Lakey asked LSO staff to inform the consultants of the committee's decision. He stated that the co-chairs would commence negotiations with Mercer, and would inform the committee members when they would be ready to meet again.

The committee adjourned at 3:07 p.m.