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State Treasurer of North Carolina
DALE R. FOLWELL, CPA

**Special Board of Trustees Meeting
In-Person and Teleconference
January 25, 2024
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.**

Convene Meeting

Welcome

The meeting of the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Dale R. Folwell, CPA, at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Roll Call for Attendance

Present: Dale R. Folwell, Melanie Bush, Wayne Fish, Peter Robie, M.D., Mike Stevenson, Cyrus Vernon, Kerry Willis, M.D. (via phone), and Russell "Rusty" Duke

Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted. During a board meeting, members should notify the Board chair if a conflict arises.

Reading of SEI Statements into Minutes Pursuant to the Ethics Act § 138A-15(c)

No Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) were read into the minutes.

Board Vote to Move into Executive Session: Motion by Mr. Vernon; second by Dr. Robie; roll call vote was taken; unanimous approval by Board to move into executive session pursuant to G.S 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(3) and Chapter 132 to consult with legal counsel regarding the matters of *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina v. State Health Plan*; *Lake v. State Health Plan*; and *Kadel v. Folwell* (G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(3)).

Executive Session

The Board met in executive session with Plan Executive Administrator Sam Watts, Department General Counsel Ben Garner, Assistant General Counsel Aaron Vodicka, and Assistant General Counsel Joel Heimbach. Mr. Garner, Mr. Vodicka, and Mr. Heimbach discussed with the Board the contested case titled *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina v. State Health Plan* in the Office of Administrative Hearings and the cases titled *Lake v. State Health Plan* and *Kadel v. Folwell*.

Board Vote: Motion by Mr. Vernon to return to open session; second by Mr. Fish; roll call vote was taken; unanimous approval by Board to return to open session.

Return to Open Session

Adjournment

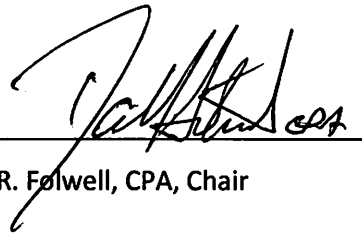
Chair Folwell called for a motion to adjourn.

Board Vote: Motion by Mr. Vernon; second by Mr. Stevenson; vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Joel Heimbach, Secretary

Approved by: _____

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Dale R. Folwell, CPA, Chair