



For Washington Schools, By Washington Schools

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
VIA ZOOM**

1:00 p.m., November 6, 2020

MINUTES

The United Schools Insurance Program (USIP) Board of Directors' conducted an All Board Meeting via Zoom on November 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. Board Members participating: Brian Talbott, Nine Mile Falls School District; Tom Venable, Methow Valley School District; Henry Strom, Grandview School District; Jim Forrest, Adna School District; Kyle Rydell, West Valley School District; Michelle Price, North Central ESD; Sunshine Pray, Soap Lake School District, and Ben Ferney, Valley School District. Participating from the Administration Office: Jenni Bates, Rich Moore, Dave Kosa, Phil Riche, Ellen Kosa, Becca Kirsch, Eric Homer, Rich McBride, Brian Turnbull, Lane Larson, Rachel Huffman, Jenny Gunderson, Rick Templeton, Frank Andrus, Wes Crago, PJ DeBenedetti and Aaron Sheneman representing Clear Risk Solutions. Several USIP members and Brokers were also in attendance, as was Attorney Paul Rosner from Soha & Lang.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Talbott at 10:00 a.m.

ITEM 1

INTRODUCTION AND ROLL CALL:

Introductions were conducted.

ITEM 2

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

There were none.

ITEM 3

BOARD ELECTIONS:

Bates went over the recent Board Elections. Membership voted, and Ferney, Rydell and Strom were all elected to the USIP Board in their regions.

ITEM 4

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2020:

After much discussion a motion was made by Rydell to retain the current slate of officers for an additional year. Second by Price, motion carried.

Chair – Brian Talbott

Vice Chair – Henry Strom

Fiscal Officer – Tom Venable

ITEM 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Rydell to approve the May & July 2020 minutes as presented. Second by Strom, motion carried

ITEM 6

RESERVE ACCOUNT REPORT AND VOUCHER APPROVAL:

Kosa gave an overview of the items listed on the Voucher Summary. The voucher has been audited and certified by the Auditing Officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a listing, which has been made available to the Board.

As of this date, November 6, 2020, the August Voucher #19/20-12 in the amount of \$510,095.73, and September Voucher #20/21-01 in the amount of \$1,092,832.52, and October Voucher #20/21-02 in the amount of \$3,369,154.99, along with the November Voucher #20/21-03 in the amount of \$10,525,550.33. Motion Forrest to approve the above vouchers as presented. Second Price; motion carried.

ITEM 7

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR USIP BOARD

At 1:30 P.M. Chairman Talbott called for an All Board Executive Session to discuss possible litigation under RCW 42.30.110 for 30 minutes. All other participants were put in the Zoom Lobby and held till further notice. At 1:58 p.m. Chair Talbott announced the Board would need 20 additional minutes in executive session. At 2:17 p.m. Chair Talbott called the meeting back to order and a motion was made by Rydell to authorize Attorney Paul Rosner to continue to work with XL under our established guidelines/boundaries as per the November 6, 2020, executive session. Second by Pray.

Votes were taken, as follows:

Rydell – Y
Strom – N
Pray – Y
Venable – Y
Ferney – Abstained
Price – Y
Talbott – N
Forrest – N

Motion passed by a 4/3 vote.

ITEM 8

FINANCIAL REPORT:

E. Kosa presented the year end financials dated August 31, 2020, and the year-end solvency test. Motion by Strom to approve the bank statements and transfers to date. Second by Price, motion carried.

ITEM 9

LOBBYIST REPORT –

Moore discussed additional reports by Alex will be provided. Moore went over information regarding an update on WALAD.

ITEM 10

ANNUAL CLAIMS REVIEW

D. Kosa presented a complete annual claims review and shared his screen with many scenarios. He updated the Board on the current claims count and any settlements of significance. A possible change of SIR to 250K was discussed.

ITEM 11

RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

McBride and Sheneman reported on the following areas.

- Sports
- Cyber Liability
- Return to School

All questions were answered in detail.

ITEM 12

PRELITIGATION PROGRAM REPORT:

Gunderson introduced PJ DeBenedetti and they discussed items that the PLP staff were working on to date and explained their services that are available to all USIP Districts. Their objective is to minimize risk through education. All questions were answered in detail.

ITEM 13

RENEWAL REPORT

Huffman discussed the completed Renewal Report in detail. She went over any changes that were different from the draft report they were given in July at the time of invoicing.

She noted, there are no current exclusions regarding communicable disease, but there could be next year. Clear Risk Solutions is watching this possible change closely.

Motion by Price to approve the final version of the USIP Annual Renewal Report as presented. Second by Strom, motion carried.

Moore discussed some future meeting topics and would like to plan a New Board Member Orientation/training soon.

ITEM 14

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting of the full Board is scheduled for March 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jenni Bates


Brian Talbott, Chairman