

Lincolnway Area Affiliation of Participating School Districts Employee Benefit Plan  
Trustees Meeting, Friday, February 18, 2022  
Richland Grade School District 88A, Crest Hill, IL (via Zoom call)

Minutes

1. Welcome

Chairman Simpkins called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call for Zoom Meeting

Krzeczkowski called the roll with the following members present:

Trustees: Tim Baldermann (via phone), Margo Empen (via phone), Dr. Joe Salmieri (via phone), Joe Simpkins, and Steve Stein (via phone).

Assurance (via phone): Alyssa Burns, Bobby Dufkis, Ashton Harnung, April Krzeczowski, Maryann Mileto, Danny Omiecinski, and Scott Remmenga

Other Attendees (via phone): Tim Page, Elwood S.D.; Andy Siegfried and Mary Ann Egizio, Chaney-Monge S.D.; Kathy Picciolini and Laura Kortz, Chicago Ridge S.D.; Laura Kriha, Gower S.D.; Valerie Teegardin, Laraway S.D.; Ken Parchem, Lemont S.D.; Sarah Rexroad, LWASE; Athena Dingels, Lockport S.D.; Trevor Moore and Hillary Houberg, Peotone CUSD #207U; David Blatchley, Will-County S.D.

3. Action Item: Joe Simpkins, Chairman and Steve Stein, Treasurer term renewal

TRUSTEE EMPEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR TERM RENEWAL, WHICH RUNS FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2021 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024, FOR BOTH JOE SIMPKINS, CHAIRMAN AND STEVE STEIN, TREASURER AS VOTED BY LAA MEMBERSHIP MAJORITY. TRUSTEE SALMIERI SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-5; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SALMIERI, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0.

4. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Simpkins asked if any changes to the agenda. No changes were required.

TRUSTEE SALMIERI MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 02/18/2022 AGENDA AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-5; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SALMIERI, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0.

5. Approval of Minutes

TRUSTEE STEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 10/22/2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-5; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SALMIERI, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0.

6. Action Item: Approval of October 2021, November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022 Financial Statements as Presented

Krzeczkowski reviewed the October 2021, November 2021, December 2021, and January 2022 Financial Statements for LAA as a whole and individually for LAA, Dixon, and Will County.

TRUSTEE SALMIERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2021, AND JANUARY 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE BALDERMANN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-5; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SALMIERI, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0.

7. Action Item: Presentation and Approval of Bills

Krzeczkowski went over the list of bills presented for the period October 23, 2021 to February 18, 2022. The Board reviewed the list of checks.

TRUSTEE EMPEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE BALDERMANN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-5; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SALMIERI, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0.

8. Action Item: Selection of Auditor for Fiscal Years 2022 - 2026

Krzeczkowski reviewed the two submitted audit proposals. Trustees went with lower bid after discussion.

TRUSTEE BALDERMANN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF LAUTERBACH & AMEN AS THE AUDITOR FOR THE PERIOD OF FISCAL YEARS 2022 – 2026 AT THE COST AS NOTED IN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL RESPONSE. TRUSTEE STEIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-5; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SALMIERI, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0.

9. Discussion Item: Claims Update, Review of Current Plan Structure, and Renewal for 9/01/2022

Harnung and Mileto provided a claims update though 12/31/2021, reviewed LAA's current plan structure and presented renewal rates and alternatives for 09/01/2022.

10. Discussion Item: Administration and Benefit Updates

Mileto provided updates on the OTC COVID testing coverage and the IL Consumer Coverage Disclosure Act (CCDA). She also stated that PBA claims ended 12/31/2021 and stated the importance of submitting adds/terms in a timely manner.

Krzeczkowski stated that actuary quotes would be obtained later this year, the annual Department of Insurance registration has been completed and 1096/1099s have been filed with the IRS.

11. Other Business

There was nothing additional to discuss.


12. Next Board Meeting Date and Location: The next LAA Trustee Meeting will be on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 at Richland Grade School District 88A at 10:30am via Zoom call.

13. Adjournment

TRUSTEE BALDERMANN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-4; BALDERMANN, EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0; ABSENT-1; SALMIERI (Left meeting at 11:12).

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 am.

  
Chairman