

Lincolnway Area Affiliation of Participating School Districts Employee Benefit Plan  
Trustees Meeting, Friday, November 11, 2022  
Richland Grade School District 88A, Crest Hill, IL (in-person and via Zoom call)

Minutes

1. Welcome

Chairman Simpkins called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Krzeczkowski called the roll with the following members present:

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

Assurance: Bobby Dufkis (via phone), Ashton Harnung, April Krzeczkowski, Emma Lewis (via phone), Maryann Mileto and Danny Omiecinski (via phone)

Other Attendees: Chris Ruddy, Manhattan S.D.; Valerie Teegardin, Laraway S.D. (via phone); Lisa Krueger, Will-County S.D. (via phone).

3. Action on a Request to Permit Trustee(s) to Attend Meeting Electronically

TRUSTEE EMPEN MOTIONED TO APPROVE ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE.  
TRUSTEE STEIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3;  
EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and  
SALMIERI.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

TRUSTEE STEIN MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 11/11/2022 AGENDA AS  
PRESENTED. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3;  
EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and  
SALMIERI.

5. Approval of Minutes

TRUSTEE STEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 09/23/2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3; EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and SALMIERI.

6. Action Item: Approval of September and October 2022 Financial Statements as Presented

Krzeczkowski reviewed the September and October 2022 Financial Statements for LAA as a whole and individually for LAA, Dixon, and Will County. Krzeczkowski stated that LAA is operating within budget.

TRUSTEE STEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3; EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and SALMIERI.

7. Action Item: Presentation and Approval of Bills

Krzeczkowski went over the list of bills presented for the period September 23, to November 11, 2022. The Board reviewed the list of checks.

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

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3; EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and SALMIERI.

8. Action Item: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between existing LAA members

Krzeczkowski stated that all IGAs have been signed by current LAA members.

TRUSTEE EMPEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE LAA BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN MANHATTAN SCHOOL DISTRICT 114, CHANEY-MONGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 88, LEMONT TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 210, ELWOOD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, LARAWAY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 70-C, LOCKPORT

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 91, UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT 81, LINCOLN-WAY AREA SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT 843, WILCO AREA CAREER CENTER, CHICAGO RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 127-5, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (PDA), RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 88A, SOUTHERN WILL COUNTY COOPERATIVE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION (SOWIC), WILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 92, PEOTONE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 207U, GOWER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 62, AND DIXON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 170. TRUSTEE STEIN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3; EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and SALMIERI.

9. Action Item: Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Community Consolidated School District 181 effective 01/01/2023

TRUSTEE STEIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 181 EFFECTIVE 01/01/2023. TRUSTEE EMPEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3; EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and SALMIERI.

10. Discussion Item: Administration and Benefit Updates

Harnung provided updates on claims through October 2022. Harnung also provided updates on the Flex Access status, the implementation of the HMO APR 01/01/2023, BCBS change in physical card issuance and suggested that LAA explore the idea of having a virtual wellness fair.

Krzeczkowski stated that annual IL Department of Insurance Filing was completed.

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 01/20/2023 at Richland Grade School District 88A at 10:30 am.

13. Adjournment

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

UPON BEING PUT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, THE MOTION CARRIED. AYES-3; EMPEN, SIMPKINS, AND STEIN; NAYS-0 ABSENT-2; BALDERMANN, and SALMIERI.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 am.



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Chairman