

ARIZONA METROPOLITAN TRUST
Final – Minutes of Tuesday, March 22, 2016
Special Trust Meeting

Trustees Present:

Dr. Spencer A. Isom, Chairperson
Bryant Powell, Vice Chairperson
Mike Duran, Trustee
David Fitzhugh, Trustee
James Alcantar, Alternate Trustee
Sandra King, Alternate Trustee
Leo Lew, Alternate Trustee (via phone)
Kathy Reyes, Alternate Trustee
Liz Riley, Alternate Trustee

Other Present:

Justin Cook, Pinal County
Mary Dalton, North County Fire and Medical District
Dawn Hailey, City of El Mirage
Mike Hensley, JS&H
Tiffany Johnson, ECA
Elena Lacy, ECA
Grady Miller, Town of Fountain Hills
Michael Schionning, Cheiron (via phone)
Jaime Schulenberg, ECA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action re COBRA Appeal

Ms. Schulenberg briefed Trustees on an appeal that was received on behalf of a member to reinstate COBRA coverage after termination for failure to timely pay. Ms. Schulenberg reiterated the COBRA law which mandates that payment is due on the 1st day of the month with a grace period of 30 days. The January premium was not post marked until February 4th, thus terminating the coverage back to December 31, 2015. The appellant stated in her letter that she was hospitalized in February, but no explanation for the late January payment.

Chairperson Isom made a motion to adjourn to executive session to receive legal advice regarding the appeal, seconded by Trustee Powell and unanimously carried.

The Board adjourned to executive session at 10:08 a.m.

The Board reconvened to regular session at 10:12 a.m.

Alternate Trustee Reyes made a motion to deny the request, seconded by Trustee Powell and unanimously carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action re Membership Application 1

Ms. Schulenberg and Mike Schionning reviewed membership request from the Town of Fountain Hills.

Trustees discussed the application and underwriting information, specifically the current HSA contribution strategy. They also inquired as to why the Town decided to move from its current pool arrangement. Trustees also discussed the size guideline and whether AzMT should consider smaller groups.

Chairperson Isom made a motion to extend membership to the Town of Fountain Hills effective July 01, 2016 with a provision that HSA contributions cannot exceed 50% of the HDHP deductible and that the Town of Fountain Hills cannot offer the HDHP in year two of its membership, seconded by Trustee Duran and unanimously carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Action re Membership Application 2

Ms. Schulenberg updated Trustees on the additional data and analysis that was completed on behalf of North County Fire & Medical District (NCFMD) since the February meeting; she noted that Mike Schionning believes that North County Fire and Medical District would not be fit for AzMT unless they make all of the changes previously noted. Mike Schionning reviewed all of the options put forth by NCFMD and their cost impacts; he indicated that without the elimination of the claims associated with the high dollar claimant, he did not believe they were a financial fit. Mary Dalton provided additional information regarding all of the things they have done to make them a better fit. After discussion regarding the changes and additional information, Trustees commended Mary Dalton for her efforts.

Chairperson Isom made a motion to deny the request for membership for North County Fire and Medical District, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh and unanimously carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Action re League Conference

Ms. Schulenberg reminded Trustees that last year they approved Bronze Level Sponsorship at the League Conference; although no direct membership applications were not received as a result of that sponsorship, it is still an ongoing effort to keep AzMT's name out there. Dr. Isom stated that he supports ECA's presence and believes that ongoing inquiries have come from the conference and other marketing efforts.

Chairperson Isom made a motion to sponsor the 2016 League Conference in the amount of \$2,500, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh and unanimously carried.

6. Administrative Update

Ms. Schulenberg reported on the following admin updates:

- Navitus – Laura Phillipson will be AzMT’s new Senior Client Services Coordinator;
- EAP – The Admin Group recommended no change from AWP at this time;
- Trustee Subcommittee – Need one more person; David Fitzhugh volunteered;
- AzMT Marketing – Working on a second email blast once Fountain Hills accepts membership to AzMT. Chairperson Isom stated that he would like some help from his colleagues to get AzMT’s name out there and to maybe talk to someone that AzMT hasn’t contacted.

7. Call to the Public

No public present.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Lacy
Recording Secretary