

**MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING MARCH 31, 2026, AT 2:00 P.M.
PERSONNEL CABINET, 501 HIGH STREET, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY 40601
IN PERSON MEETING**

At the monthly meeting of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held on March 31, 2026, the following members were present: Secretary Mary Elizabeth Bailey, Tanya Bradshaw as proxy for Commissioner Robbie Fletcher, Connie Pettyjohn as proxy for Jerry Powell, Tommy Loving, Robin Winkfield as proxy for Jason McGinnis, Elizabeth Cunningham has proxy for Holly Johnson, Aaron Roberts as proxy for Auditor of Public Accounts Allison Ball, Shawn Boggs as proxy for Commissioner Sharon Clark, Steve Gillespie, and Jessica Hiler. Staff members present were Deputy Secretary Robert Long, Commissioner Chris Chamness, Deputy Commissioner Brandon Adams, Jen Thompson, Donna Marcum, Will Adams, Grant Hakanson, and Steeley Franco. Also present were Camille Burgess, Carl Felix, David Hume, Brent Priott, Larry Totten, and Bowie Hogg.

Secretary Bailey called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Ms. Jen Thompson called roll.

Secretary Bailey asked for a motion to accept the February 24, 2026, board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Steve Gillespie and seconded by Tanya Bradshaw. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary Bailey introduced the agenda item *Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) Update / Review goals*. Commissioner Chamness updated the Board on the following items:

Legislative Update:

- Will Adams, KEHP plan attorney, will provide a legislative update.
- Of critical interest is the budget bill, HB 500. We are awaiting the free conference report and, eventually, the revised bill language.

- In general, this has been an eventful legislative session. Shortly after our last Board meeting on February 24th, Secretary Bailey, Deputy Secretary Long, and Secretary Hicks (in his capacity as Budget Director) each received an email from a Deputy General Counsel in the office of Speaker Osborne, purporting to be a subpoena from the Legislative Oversight & Investigations Committee. The subpoena cover page was signed by Representative Scott Sharp, Co-Chair of the Legislative Oversight & Investigations Committee and contained an exhibit requiring the production of several items of actuarial analysis and reporting to be delivered no later than March 4th at 4:00 PM. Despite several defects with the so-called subpoena, the Cabinet, responded with more than 400 responsive documents by the deadline – most of those documents were already in the possession of the LRC or a legislative committee as part of the regular reporting the Plan provides to the Legislature or publishes for public accessibility.

Renewals:

- Renewals are underway for a number of programs and vendors, including Aon, ReThinkCare, and the UK Acupuncture program. All will have a July 1, 2026 start date.
- Request for Proposals are currently out for audit financial statement services, a medical claims integrity vendor, and a pharmacy claims integrity vendor.

Secretary Bailey introduced the agenda item *KEHP Legislative Session update*. Will Adams, KEHP plan attorney, reported that as the session was nearing its final days, the impact to the Plan looked to be fairly modest. Three bills had been sent to the Governor for signature or veto, one had passed both chambers but was in conference committee, and four others, including the budget bill, had passed a single chamber, but were still considered viable.

Secretary Bailey introduced the agenda item *Hinge Health Update*. Bowie Hogg, Senior RVP, Public Sector, gave a review of tactics and outcomes, starting in 2024, continuing through 2025. Additionally, an engagement summary from March, 1 2022 through December 2025 was shared with the Board. Since launch, 38,191 members have engaged with the Hinge Health program. Interesting stats to note:

- 72% of members start their program the same day they apply;
- Most sessions take place before or after standard working hours; and

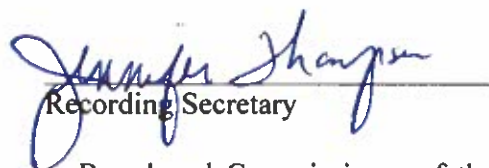
- 24% of members live in rural areas.

Each of these stats show the success of a digital platform. Hinge Health applauds the KEHP team's suggestions for podcasts, heat maps, and wellness fairs, all assisting with increased engagement and enrollment tracking. These tools are now being used with other Hinge Health accounts.

Deputy Secretary Long introduced the agenda item *Old/New Business*. There being no further business, Deputy Secretary Long asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Tommy Loving and seconded by Steve Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held March 31, 2026.

I do certify that I was present at this meeting, and I have recorded the above actions of the Board on the various items considered by it at this meeting. Further, I certify that all applicable requirements of KRS 61.805-61.850 were met in conjunction with this meeting.

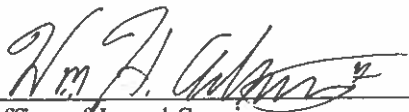

Recording Secretary

We, the Chair of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board and Commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Employee Insurance, do certify that the Minutes of Meeting held on March 31, 2026, were approved on April 28, 2026.


Chairperson

Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the March 31, 2026, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.


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