

**MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING April 28, 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 April 28, 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, Nancy Haggerty as proxy for John Hicks, David Noel as proxy for Auditor of Public Accounts Allison Ball, Shawn Boggs as proxy for Commissioner Sharon Clark, Steve Gillespie, Jessica Hiler, and Michael Wilson. Staff members present were Deputy Secretary Robert Long, Commissioner Chris Chamness, Deputy Commissioner Brandon Adams, Will Adams, Jen Thompson, Grant Hakanson, and Steeley Franco. Also present were Camille Burgess, Sean Rafferty, Carl Felix, David Hume, Larry Totten, and Colleen Huber.

Secretary Bailey called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Ms. Jen Thompson called roll.

Secretary Bailey asked for a motion to accept the March 31, 2026, board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Steve Gillespie and seconded by Tommy Loving. 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 Clean up

- The Department is working on a compliance plan for the various reporting requirements contained in the budget bill, HB 500.
- The bill memorializes monthly reporting that the Department has prepared for the LRC for years, and also requires certain actuarial reporting to be submitted by May 1.

Renewals and Procurements

- As mentioned prior, renewals are underway or already signed for number of programs and vendors, including Merative, Aon, ReThink, and the UK Acupuncture program. These contracts will have a 7/1 start date.
- The RFP for the financial statement and audit support services has closed and we are awaiting a signed contract before the vendor can be announced.
- RFPs will be closing soon for the medical claims integrity vendor, and the pharmacy claim integrity vendor.

Secretary Bailey introduced the agenda item *Legislative Update*. Will Adams, Plan Attorney, gave an update on the legislative session. He reported that the legislative session had concluded with no significant changes from the March update, with the exception of the passage of Senate Joint Resolution 23 declaring Kentucky a Food is Medicine state and directing the Plan to offer and report on wellness program incentives for community supported agriculture purchases by participants.

Secretary Bailey introduced the agenda item *Aon Update*. Colleen Huber, Aon Senior Vice President, gave a review of market trends and outlook, along with the KEHP claims experience. Main cost increases for KEHP include high-cost claimant increase, SB 188 dispensing fee costs, and usage of GLP-1 prescription medications.

Secretary Bailey introduced the agenda item *Old/New Business*. There being no further business, Secretary Bailey asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Steve Gillespie and seconded by Tommy Loving. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held April 28, 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.

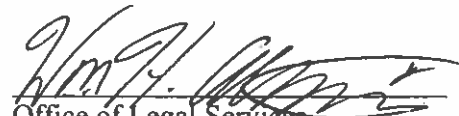

Recording Secretary

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 April 28, 2026, were approved on May 19, 2026.


Chairperson


Commissioner

I have reviewed the Minutes of the April 28, 2026, Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board Meeting for content, form, and legality.


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