

**MINUTES OF MEETING
KENTUCKY GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD
KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES' HEALTH PLAN
MONTHLY MEETING JULY 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 July 28, 2026, the following members were present: Deputy Secretary Robert Long as proxy for Secretary Mary Elizabeth Bailey, Larry Totten, Tommy Loving, Robin Winkfield as proxy for Jason McGinnis, Tanya Bradshaw as proxy for Robbie Fletcher, Aaron Roberts as proxy for Auditor of Public Accounts Allison Ball, Steve Gillespie, and Jessica Hiler. Staff members present were Commissioner Chris Chamness, Will Adams, Jen Thompson, Donna Marcum, Grant Hakanson. Also present were David Hume, Carl Felix, Leah Locknane, Carrie Morrison, Scott Hughes, Brent Pruitt, and Amanda Peterson.

Deputy Secretary Long called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Ms. Jen Thompson called roll.

Deputy Secretary Long asked for a motion to accept the June 23, 2026, board minutes as read and approved. The motion was made by Larry Totten and seconded by Steve Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Procurement Update

- The Benefit Administration System Request for Proposal (RFP) has been posted and is scheduled to close on August 31. The RFP was a massive undertaking with many departments weighing in, and we are excited to have it published for responses. We anticipate that the RFP scoring, finalist presentations, and contract negotiations may stretch to the end of 2026 and perhaps into 2027.

Plan Design

- Rates have been approved by the Office of the State Budget Director (OSBD), and we are now working to operationalize for Open Enrollment. We do not have approval to share rates publicly at this time.
- The Department has been working with Aon to develop a draft plan design and are working to get all necessary approvals; we're meeting next week to discuss next steps.

Open Enrollment Preparations

- As a reminder, the official Open Enrollment dates are from October 5 through October 23, 2026. Personnel Cabinet employees and the employees of a few other cabinets will be encouraged to enroll early, both to help test the live enrollment process and to also ease the bandwidth burden on KHRIS.

Deputy Secretary Long introduced the agenda item CVS Update. Amanda Peterson, Strategic Account Executive, updated the board on the KEHP Executive Summary, including financial and utilization metrics, clinical outcomes and adherence, and call center performance measurements. Trend drivers were discussed, specifically GLP-1 cost trends and future approvals, along with the cost trends for specialty drugs and the impact of biosimilar drugs. Cost savings from active Pharmacy Benefit Management was shown throughout presentation, noting rebates and net cost savings. CVS finished their presentation with information about an upcoming member engagement platform which connects member benefits, pharmacies, providers, and health data into one user experience.

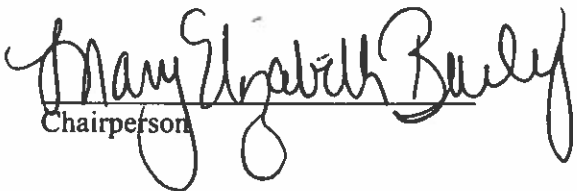
Deputy Secretary Long introduced the agenda item *Old/New Business*. There being no further business, Deputy Secretary Long asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Tommy Loving and seconded by Steve Gillespie. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Copies of all documents presented are incorporated as part of the minutes of the Kentucky Group Health Insurance Board held July 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 July 28, 2026, were approved on August 25, 2026.


Chairperson


Commissioner

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


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