

HAWAII EMPLOYER-UNION HEALTH BENEFITS TRUST FUND
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Rules Committee Meeting
April 23, 2002

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Mr. Davis Yogi, Chairperson
Mr. Willard Miyake

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Mr. Clifford T. Uwaine, Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Neal Miyahira

ATTORNEY: Mr. Brian Aburano, Deputy Attorney General (Arrived 9:35 a.m.)

HEUHBTF STAFF: Ms. Shirley Kawamoto
Ms. Wanda Kimura
Mr. Gary Sanehira
Ms. Karen Tom

OTHERS PRESENT: Ms. Jean Aoki – HSRTA
Mr. George Butterfield – HSTA-Retired
Ms. Nani Crowell – HSTA
Mr. Vincent Ho – Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Ms. Jan Munemitsu – Department of Health
Mr. Gordon Murakami – Royal State
Ms. Karen Muronaka - HSTA-Retired
Mr. Bill Nelsen – HDS
Ms. Celeste Nip – Hawaii Firefighters Association
Mr. Bert Nishihara – Health Fund
Ms. Linda Sawai - UHPA
Mr. Ken Taira – Maui County
Ms. Jennifer Tobin – C&C of Honolulu, Human Resources
Mr. George Yamamoto – [~~HSTA-Retired~~] HGEA-Retirees
Ms. Paula Young – Kaiser

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Rules Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Mr. Davis Yogi, Chairperson, in Conference Room 303, No. 1 Capitol District Building, 250 South Hotel Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, on Tuesday, April 23, 2002.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2002. (Miyake/Yogi)

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 2, 2002. (Miyake/Yogi)

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS, Item A. OVERVIEW OF CURRENT HEALTH FUND RULES AND CONCEPT EUTF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

The Committee members discussed and had public comment on the following concept EUTF rules: 5.03, 5.01, 4.03, 4.04, 4.06, 4.05, 4.07, 4.08, 6.01 (a) – (c).

There was discussion and public comment on the effective dates and coordination with payroll.

RECESS: 10:15 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

There was discussion that employee-beneficiaries continue to have a choice of effective dates and that enrollment effective dates should be prospective. The Committee decided that effective dates for enrollments should coincide with the pay period in which a qualifying event occurs or the first day of the pay period following the date of the event. Effective dates for deletions or disenrollments would be the last day of the pay period in which the event occurs or, if the Trust Fund is notified after the 31-day notification period from the date of the event, the last day of the pay period in which the notice was received.

There was discussion on whether it was possible to have rules that refer to student eligibility when there is no health plan offered for students. The AG will follow up on that issue.

RECESS: 12:05 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.

There was discussion and public comment on the effective date of cancellation for erroneous enrollments. The Committee decided that the cancellation should be prospective instead of retroactive. The Committee determined that cancellation would be effective at the end of the pay period following ten (10) days from the date of the Fund's notice of cancellation.

The Committee discussed Rule 6.01, Continuation of Enrollment, and changed the title of the rule to: Continuation of Coverage. There was discussion that the Fund rules should include a provision for continuation of coverage during a labor strike similar to that of PEHF rule, §6-33-17-3. The Committee discussed the issue of who would be responsible for premiums to continue coverage during a labor strike. It was determined that the Trust Fund would not have sufficient funds to cover the monthly premiums of striking employees. However, a rule would be added for further discussion. Discussion on Rule 6.01(b) deleted the payment proviso since this may be a collective bargaining issue and note will be added that this rule may not be appropriate as a Trust Fund rule.

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D. NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 8, 2002, 9 a.m., No. 1 Capitol District Building, Conference Room 303/304. The briefing on the concept rules will continue from Rule 6.01(d) through Rule 6.04.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn. (Miyake/Yogi)

Discussion: None.

Vote: Unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Davis Yogi, Chairperson

APPROVED as corrected
on May 23, 2002.

Documents Distributed:

1. Minutes for Rules Committee Meeting March 27, 2002. (5 pages)
2. Minutes for Rules Committee Meeting April 2, 2002. (4 pages)