



*Dale R. Folwell, CPA*  
State Treasurer of North Carolina  
DALE R. FOLWELL, CPA

**Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
In-Person and Teleconference  
July 25, 2024  
12:00 - 1:15 p.m.**

**Convene Meeting**

Welcome

The meeting of the North Carolina State Health Plan for Teachers and State Employees (Plan) Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Dale R. Folwell, CPA, at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

Roll Call for Attendance

**Present:** Dale R. Folwell; Melanie Bush; Peter Robie, M.D.; Cyrus Vernon; Kerry Willis, M.D.; and Judge Russell "Rusty" Duke; and Director Kristen Walker. Roll call vote was taken. There was a quorum for the meeting.

**Absent:** Wayne Fish and Mike Stevenson.

Conflict of Interest

No conflicts of interest were noted. During a Board meeting, members should notify the Board chair if a conflict arises.

Reading of SEI Statements into Minutes Pursuant to the Ethics Act § 138A-15(c)

No Statements of Economic Interest (SEI) were read into the minutes.

**Board Vote to Move into Executive Session:** Motion by Mr. Vernon; second by Judge Duke; roll call vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to move into executive session pursuant to G.S 143-318.11(a)(1) and (a)(3) and G.S. 132-1.1(a) and 132-1.2(1) to consult with legal counsel regarding the matters of *Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina v. State Health Plan*; *Lake v. State Health Plan*; *Kadel v. Folwell*; and a vendor pre-litigation dispute.

**Executive Session**

The Board met in executive session with Plan Executive Administrator Sam Watts, Department General Counsel Ben Garner, Assistant General Counsel Aaron Vodicka, Assistant General Counsel Joel Heimbach. Mr. Garner, Mr. Vodicka, and Mr. Heimbach discussed with the Board *Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina v. State Health*; *Lake v. State Health Plan*; *Kadel v. Folwell*; and a vendor pre-litigation dispute.

**Board Vote to Move to Open Session:** Motion by Ms. Bush; second by Dr. Robie; roll call vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to move back to open session.



**Return to Open Session**

**Adjournment**

Chair Folwell called for a motion to adjourn.

**Board Vote:** Motion by Dr. Willis; second by Mr. Vernon; roll call vote was taken; unanimous vote by Board to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Joel Heimbach, Secretary

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale R. Folwell CPA", written over a horizontal line.

Dale R. Folwell, CPA, Chair

