

**OREGON HEALTH FUND BOARD
BENEFITS COMMITTEE
Draft By-Laws
Adopted by OHFB _____**

ARTICLE I

The Committee and its Members

- The Benefits Committee (“Committee”) is created by the Oregon Health Fund Board (“Board”). The Committee’s function is to study, review, discuss, take public comment on and develop policy options and recommendations to the Board, consistent with the Committee’s scope of work as determined by the Board.
- The Executive Director of the Board and staff employed or arranged for by the Executive Director shall serve as staff to the Committee. The Office for Oregon Health Policy and Research (OHPR) and other state agencies will support the work of the Committee in a manner mutually agreed upon by the Executive Director and the respective entity(ies).
- The Members of the Committee will be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board. The Committee shall cease to exist upon a majority vote of the Board to disband the Committee.
- Members of the Committee are not entitled to compensation for services or reimbursement of expenses for serving on the Committee.

ARTICLE II

Committee Officers and Duties

- The Committee shall select a Chair and up to two Vice Chairs from among its Members. The Officers will serve for 24-months from the date of their election or until the Board disbands the Committee, whichever occurs first.
- Duties of the Chair are:
 - Serve as a non-voting Member of the Board. The Chair will sit with the Board and participate in all Board discussions, but shall not be permitted to make, second or vote on motions, resolutions or other formal actions of the Board.
 - Preside at all meetings of the Committee.

- Coordinate meeting agendas after consultation with Committee staff.
 - Review all draft Committee meeting minutes prior to the meeting at which they are to be approved.
 - Be advised of all presentations or appearances of the Executive Director or staff before Legislative or Executive committees or agencies that relate to the work of the Committee.
 - The Chair may designate, in the absence of the Vice-Chair or when expedient to Committee business, other Committee Members to perform duties related to Committee business such as, but not limited to, attending other agency or public meetings, meetings of the Board, training programs, and approval and review of documents that require action of the Chair.
- Duties of the Vice Chair are:
 - Perform all of the Chair's duties in his/her absence or inability to perform;
 - Accompany the Chair to meetings of the Board at which final recommendations of the Committee are presented; and
 - Perform any other duties assigned by the Chair.

ARTICLE IV Committee Meetings

- The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair in consultation with the Committee Members and staff.
- The Committee shall conduct all business meetings in public and in conformity with Oregon Public Meetings Laws. The Committee will provide opportunity for public comment at every meeting in accordance with policies and procedures adopted by the Board.
- The preliminary agenda will be available from the Committee staff and posted on the Board website [healthfundboard.oregon.gov] at least two working days prior to the meeting. The final agenda will be established by Committee members at the beginning of each Committee meeting.
- A majority of Committee Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

- All actions of the Committee shall be expressed by motion or resolution. Official action by the Committee requires the approval of a majority of a quorum of Members.
- On motions, resolutions, or other matters, a voice vote may be used. At the discretion of the Chair, or upon the request of a Committee Member, a roll call vote may be conducted. Proxy votes are not permitted.
- If a Committee Member is unable to attend a meeting in person, the Member may participate by conference telephone or internet conferencing provided that the absent Committee Member can be identified when speaking, all participants can hear each other and members of the public attending the meeting can hear any Member of the Committee who speaks during the meeting. A Committee Member participating by such electronic means shall be considered in constituting a quorum.
- Committee Members shall inform the Chair or Committee staff with as much notice as possible if unable to attend a scheduled Committee meeting. Committee staff preparing the minutes shall record the attendance of Committee Members at the meeting for the minutes.
- The Committee will conduct its business through discussion, consensus building and informal meeting procedures. The Chair may, from time to time, establish procedural processes to assure the orderly, timely and fair conduct of business.

ARTICLE V

Amendments to the By-Laws and Rules of Construction

- These By-laws may be amended upon the affirmative vote of five (5) Members of the Board.