

RISE Delaware Update for September 22nd

RISE Delaware Update: Two important meetings!

Dear RISE Delaware Supporters:

There are two important meetings coming up to which you will want to pay attention. The first is the RHBAS meeting on September 27. The second is the SEBC meeting on October 2. Information regarding these meetings is included below. Additional email messages may be sent with updates as we approach the meeting dates.

Meeting 1: RHBAS meeting on September 27

We are encouraging people to attend this meeting in person, if possible. We know that our physical presence encourages and supports those members who understand our concerns. Please check the State of Delaware Public Meeting Calendar (link in our signature block below) for additional attachments that may show up next week.

SEBC - Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee Meeting Wednesday, September 27, 2023

1:30 PM - 04:00 PM

**Location: Department of Insurance
1351 West North Street, Suite 101
Dover, Delaware 19904**

AGENDA

The SEBC Retiree Healthcare Benefits Advisory Subcommittee meeting will be conducted both in person and virtually. Members of the public may participate in person or virtually/by phone using the information provided.

Meeting materials will be posted in advance on the Public Meeting Calendar and the SEBC webpage.

Join Meeting - Zoom

Please click this URL to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87859020272?pwd=TVRISmpHdFloOFY4K0dNWGV0dENvQT09>

Passcode: SEBC

Or join by phone (Press *6 to unmute or *9 to raise hand): US: +1 301 715 8592

Webinar ID: 878 5902 0272 Passcode: 374093

1. Call to Order & Introductions
2. Approval of September 8, 2023 SEBC RHBAS Meeting Minutes*
3. Discussion and Recommendations on October 1 Status Report*
4. Discussion of Goals for Non-Grandfathered Medicare-Age Future Retirees (i.e.premiums, savings targets, etc.)*
5. Discussion and Recommendations – OPEB Funding, Eligibility, Plan Design and future Work Group/Committee Composition & Objectives*
6. RHBAS Work Plan for Remaining Meetings*
7. RHBAS Discussion and Other Business*
8. Further Discussion and Recommendations on October 1 Status Report*

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9. Public Comment – Information on making public comment is posted online
10. Adjournment

Visit dhr.delaware.gov/benefits/sebc for details on SEBC and Subcommittee meetings.

*Agenda items may include approval and/or vote by the Committee

Meeting 2: SEBC meeting on October 2

Please note that the agenda for this meeting is not yet available.

We need to educate SEBC members now! Please teach them about Medicare (Dis)Advantage.

Please email SEBC members to tell them:

- (1) They should honor Retirees' rights under the Court's Stay Order requiring Claire DeMatteis, Cerron Cade, and the SEBC to "take all necessary and proper steps to ensure that the healthcare insurance and benefits available to State retirees prior to October 3, 2022...remain in full force and effect." **In other words - Retirees are entitled to have Special Medicfill in the upcoming RFP.**
- (2) They should actually vote now on the contents of the RFP and not wait to vote, as Secretary DeMatteis wants, until bids have been received to consider what healthcare benefits to give. At that point, it is too late for change.
- (3) They should adopt *all* the recommendations of the RHBAS, including to make the RFP contract be for three years, not two. We should not have to go through this all over again in two years!!

Additional points that could be included:

Medicare Advantage is not the only way for the State of Delaware to fix its OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) liability. This is why the Delaware Legislature codified committing 1% of the state's revenue each year to pay for retiree healthcare. Retirees were promised these benefits and deserve them.

State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC)

Monday October 02, 2023

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Location: Delaware Dept. of Insurance

1351 West North Street, Suite 101

Dover DE 19904

Sussex Conference Room

This meeting will also be held via Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams meeting information will be posted prior to meeting date.

VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION: TBD

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>

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