

ARIZONA METROPOLITAN TRUST
Final – Minutes of Thursday, July 13, 2017
Special Trust Meeting

The following Trustees were present either in person or via phone and a quorum was met:

Bryant Powell, Chairperson	City of Apache Junction
David Fitzhugh, Vice Chairperson	City of Avondale (via phone)
Mike Duran, Trustee	Buckeye Valley Fire District
Dr. Spencer Isom, Trustee	City of El Mirage
Gregory Rose, Trustee	City of Maricopa

The following Alternate Trustees were present in person or via phone:

James Alcantar	Town of Youngtown
Jinnett Hancock	Town of Paradise Valley
Sandra King	City of El Mirage
Leo Lew	Pinal County (via phone)
Lisa Neubert	Sun City Fire District
Liz Riley	City of Apache Junction
Ray Temple	Buckeye Valley Fire District
David Trimble	Town of Fountain Hills (via phone)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action re Medical Claims Appeal

Ms. Lacy briefed Trustees that ECA received an appeal on behalf of a member by an out-of-network surgery center, who is disputing the payment that was made for services for a non-emergent surgery. The surgery center claimed that the payment was less than what was received in the past, which is accurate as claims prior to July 01, 2016 were processed based on Reasonable and Customary versus Medicare-Like Rates which are in place today. AmeriBen and ECA reviewed the claim and the process and determined that the claim was processed and paid properly in accordance with AzMT's SPD.

Trustee Rose made a motion to deny the appeal, seconded by Vice Chairperson Fitzhugh and unanimously carried.

3. Discussion and Possible Action re Creation of Non-Voting Members

Ms. Schulenberg reported that the Cities of El Mirage and Maricopa, along with Buckeye Valley Fire District, requested a discussion regarding the creation of non-voting memberships for future applicant from Fire Districts and other political subdivisions and then turned it over to Trustee Isom for additional discussion.

The original proposal was for the Admin Group to work on an update to the Trust Document that would create a non-voting membership tier, however, Trustee Isom apologized as he didn't realize making a change to the Trust Document would then allow those that didn't agree with change the opportunity to leave the Trust.

Trustees discussed at the length the Trust's intent and the best way to go about adding Fire Districts and other political subdivisions, concluding that the Admin Group should be charged with developing a recommendation to bring back to the Trust for review and adoption.

Trustee Isom made a motion for ECA to work with the Admin Group to develop and address the issues regarding the intent of AzMT for adding new members, seconded by Trustee Rose.

Further discussion included whether to implement a "freeze" on the addition of new entities as the Board does not want to waste anyone's time while in the process of working on the details; however, this item will be brought back at the August Trust meeting.

The motion carried unanimously.

4. Administrative Update

Ms. Schulenberg reported on the following administrative items:

- Marketing – AzMT received a new app; however, the entity is not a financial fit and will be brought to the next Trust meeting for a formal vote
- Litchfield Park – Is looking to join the Trust again. AzMT did offer membership in the past, but at the time Litchfield Park decided not to join.
- AmeriBen eligibility issues – reported that there have been eligibility issues in regard to the dental and vision buy-up plan; however, ECA worked with AmeriBen to resolve and an email will be sent out outlining the issues, how they occurred and what AmeriBen has done so the issues do not happen again.

5. Call to the Public

No comments were made by the public.

6. Adjournment

Trustee Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m., seconded by Trustee Isom and unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Lacy
Recording Secretary