

ARIZONA METROPOLITAN TRUST
Draft – Minutes of Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Trust Meeting

The following Trustees were present, and a quorum was met:

Matthew Williams, Chairperson	City of Litchfield Park
Jeanne Blackman, Vice Chairperson	Town of Youngtown
Bryant Powell	City of Apache Junction
Rob Schmitz	Sun City Fire District

The following Alternate Trustees were present:

Lisa Adams-Williams	City of Litchfield Park
Dawn Kurek	City of El Mirage
Patrick Larrabee	City of Guadalupe
Anna McCray	City of Apache Junction
Gina Monger	Town of Paradise Valley
David Trimble	Town of Fountain Hills

The following Consultants/Vendors/Guests were present:

Sheri Gordon	Gallagher Benefit Services
Mike Hensley	Jones Skelton & Hochuli
Jaime Schulenberg	Gallagher Benefit Services
Daniela Zubic	Gallagher Benefit Services

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Ms. Gordon performed roll call and confirmed a quorum was in attendance to act on applicable matters before the Board.

3. Consent Agenda

Chairperson Williams presented the four items on the consent agenda for approval as outlined below:

- Approval of February 11, 2025 Renewal Meeting – Work Session Minutes
- Approval of February 12, 2025 Renewal Meeting – Trust Meeting Minutes
- Approval of February 12, 2025 Renewal Meeting – Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- Approval of January through March 2025 Financial Reports

Alternate Trustee Trimble made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice Chairperson Blackman and unanimously carried.

4. Discussion and Possible Action re Rx Appeal

Jaime Schulenberg reported that Gallagher had received a second-level claim appeal from a Laboratory on behalf of an employee regarding coverage for Decipher Prostate genomic testing.

AmeriBen denied the first level appeal, as both out-of-network and not medically necessary, which was reviewed by an independent board-certified in Clinical Genetics, noting “the medical studies we have seen have not shown good proof that this testing definitely improves outcomes in cases like yours. There is not conclusive proof that this testing is likely to improve your health (Based on review of existing evidence, there are currently no clinical indications for this technology).”

The Appellant noted that the Patient’s physician ordered the test to help guide them in the process of selecting the appropriate treatment. They further noted that testing should not be restricted to in-network providers since they are the only laboratory who provides this specific genomic test.

Several Trustees had questions, including whether any new information had been presented in the 2nd level appeal and also related to pre-certification.

Trustee Schmitz made a motion to deny the Appeal, seconded by Vice Chairperson Blackman and unanimously carried.

5. Discussion and Possible Subrogation Settlement Request

Ms. Schulenberg reported that an AzMT member was involved in a Motor Vehicle Accident on June 16, 2024, with injuries which produced total claims paid in the amount of \$48,806.65. Per the claimant’s attorney, the third-party claim was settled for \$25,000 and they are asking AzMT to accept \$6,000 in payment for outstanding claims. The Trust has given authority to Gallagher to settle claims that provide at least 66.6% of the total claims incurred and requested that PHIA, the Trust’s subrogation vendor, negotiate further. Since there are not enough settlement funds for the Trust to receive 66.6% of incurred claims, Phia recommends countering with a request for \$8,750, which is

the amount paid to the attorney, with bottom line authority to accept 1/3 of the settlement, or \$8,333.33. Gallagher concurs with this recommendation.

Vice Chairperson Blackman made a motion to approve the recommendation from Phia/Gallagher on behalf of the Trust, seconded by Trustee Powell and unanimously carried.

6. Administrative Update

Ms. Schulenberg reviewed the Administrative Update for the Trustees as outlined below:

- Cave Creek accepted membership effective 07/01/2025.
- Sun City Fire District will remain with AzMT for another 3 years!
- FSA/HSA Implementation with Inspira
 - Two entities declined to move services and will remain with Health Equity
 - Some minor bumps along the way but moving along.
- Voluntary Benefits Implementation – Marketplace Implementation
 - Developed benefit admin system to handle VB enrollments; will evaluate potential ongoing use with Admin Group
 - Some minor bumps along the way but moving along.
- Finance Subcommittee
 - Trustees requested an updated surplus evaluation with actuary as well as calculation of actual amounts of surplus available based on all entity surplus/deficit allocations.
 - We will hold this discussion until the plan year ends to see how the Trust ends the plan year and present information in either August or November, depending on how quickly we get the IBNP for 06/30/25.
- Navitus
 - Effective July 01,2025, Stelara will be removed from the formulary as there are multiple biosimilars entering the market. Current users will be notified of this change in advance so they may discuss options with the physicians.
 - Pharmaceutical Settlements – Navitus will begin to proactively manage Rx settlement class action suits on behalf of AzMT; we are awaiting some contract language changes requested by Legal Counsel and will then present the amendment to the Chairperson for signature.
- EAP Training Hours
 - A reminder that each entity has training hours available for use through Supportlinc; to date, only Apache Junction has used any hours.
 - Please reach out to Samantha at Supportlinc or Sheri or Jaime if you are interested in training options.
- 2025-26 Meeting Schedule
 - Attached for your information, we will be sending out invitations soon.
 - Next meeting will be held at the Town of Paradise Valley on August 19, 2025.

Daniela Zubic then provided a wellness update as follows:

- Mammography Screenings

- A total of eighty-six women had Mammograms completed at one of the on-site, with a higher participation rate than prior years.
- Health Risk Assessment
 - A total of 149 members participated in the on-site Health Risk Assessment in 2025, with higher participation than prior years.
- Skin Cancer Screenings
 - AIWW is back to offer Skin Cancer Screenings this year, beginning on May 20, 2025.
 - The screenings will be held in a medical mobile unit.
 - Two time slots have been extended due to full screenings.

Chairperson Williams announced the retirement of Jeanne Blackman, who has served on the Board since 2013. Everyone expressed their heartfelt appreciation for her services, input, and heart she gave to AzMT throughout her tenure and noted that those wonderful attributes would be missed.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chairperson Williams requested any future Agenda items for the Trustees' consideration and discussion. A meeting of the Finance Subcommittee will be scheduled, and an item will be placed on the future agenda regarding the surplus/reserve goal as discussed earlier in the meeting.

8. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at The Town of Paradise Valley.

9. Call to the Public

N/A

10. Adjourn

Vice Chairperson Blackman made a motion to adjourn at 10:41 a.m., seconded by Trustee Powell, and unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sheri Gordon
Recording Secretary