

MINUTES

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

METROPOLITAN EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BOARD

August 23, 2005

The Metropolitan Employee Benefit Board met in a special called session on Tuesday, August 23, 2005 in the Civil Service Conference Room, Suite 163, 222 Building, Third Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Benefit Board members: Chair: Clyde D. Smith; Vice Chair: H. Russell White; Members: B. R. Hall, Sr., Edna Jones, David Manning, Edward C. Mason, II, and Betsy Walkup.

Members Dorothy Shell-Berry, Thomas A. Storey and Charles A. Trost were unable to be present.

Other Members present: Nicki Eke, Attorney, Metro Legal Department.

BENEFIT BOARD ITEMS

The Human Resources staff submitted the following for the Board's consideration and appropriate action:

1. Vision plan design.

Greg Drennan distributed a handout to the Board regarding the proposals to the vision plan.

David Manning reported to the Board that there is a protest with respect to this procurement and asked legal council if, in fact, this stops the procurement process.

The Board discussed the merits of the protest, the process to settle the protest and resuming the procurement.

Nicki Eke stated she will have to review the legal issues surrounding the protest before making a recommendation on how the Board is to proceed.

The Board also discussed with the staff postponing this decision and the effect on annual enrollment.

B.R. Hall moved that the Board defer action on this issue until such time as the protest and appeal process are resolved. Edward Mason seconded and the Board approved without objection.

With nothing further presented, the meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

**Dorothy Shell-Berry, Interim Director
Human Resources**

**Clyde D. Smith, Chair
Employee Benefit Board**