



# *RESOLUTION*

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE AUTHORITY**

### **To appoint two (2) and reappoint three (3) members to the Standing Advisory Board**

**WHEREAS**, the Health Benefit Exchange Authority Establishment Act of 2011, effective March 4, 2012 (D.C. Law 19-94; D.C. Official Code § 31-3171.01 et seq.) (“Act”) created the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority (“HBX”), an independent authority of the Government of the District of Columbia, and its governing Executive Board;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §6 of the Act, the Executive Board members were duly appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the DC Council;

**WHEREAS**, §8 of the Act establishes a nine (9) member Standing Advisory Board of District residents, which the Executive Board is directed to solicit recommendations from, and consult with, on insurance standards, covered benefits, premiums, plan certification, internet technology system development, and any other policy or operational issue within the Executive Board’s purview;

**WHEREAS**, §8 of the Act further delegates to the Executive Board the authority to (1) select the members of the advisory boards, (2) establish the terms of the members, (3) ensure that at least one member of the board demonstrates expertise as a health insurance broker or agent, (4) appoint the chair of the Standing Advisory Board; (5) appoint to fill vacancies for the unexpired term of an appointee’s predecessor, (6) select a chair, and (7) appoint to an advisory board individuals that have demonstrated and acknowledged expertise on issues related to at least one of the following groups: health professionals, health insurance consumers, disease and demographic-specific advocacy groups, commercial sector health plans, public sector health plans, health insurance brokers, health care consumer interest advocacy, health care foundations, exchange consumers, or such other interests considered necessary;

**WHEREAS**, three Standing Advisory Board members’ terms have expired but they have continued to serve as permitted by §8 of the Act:

- Chris Gardiner’s (Chair’s) term expired in November 2024;
- Dave Chandrasekaran’s term expired in November 2024; and
- Claire McAndrew’s term expired in November 2024;

**WHEREAS**, Chris Gardiner, Dave Chandrasekaran, and Claire McAndrew have affirmed their desire to continue their service;

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2025, the Executive Board Business Operations Committee reviewed the three (3) reappointment candidates for the Standing Advisory Board and recommends their appointment to the following terms:

- Chris Gardiner through November 2028. Mr. Gardiner is also re-appointed as chair. Mr. Gardiner fills the qualifications of both health insurance consumer and is an Exchange consumer;
- Dave Chandrasekaran through November 2028. Mr. Chandrasekaran fills the qualifications of both health care consumer interest advocacy and is an Exchange consumer; and
- Claire McAndrew through November 2028; Ms. McAndrew fills the qualification of health care consumer interest advocacy;

**WHEREAS**, there are currently two vacancies on the Standing Advisory Board;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Board Business Operations Committee publicly solicited applications for the two vacancies; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2025, the Executive Board Business Operations Committee reviewed the applications for the two Standing Advisory Board vacancies and recommends appointments of the following individuals to the following terms:

- Bill Weichman to fulfill the remainder of a current term of a board member which expires January 2028. Mr. Weichman fills the qualifications of a commercial sector health plan representative and a public sector health plan representative; and
- Sarah Candler for a new term. The previous occupant of this seat's term expired November 2022. The new appointment for this seat will be through November 2029. Ms. Candler fills the qualification of a health professional.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Executive Board hereby accepts the recommendation of the Executive Board Business Operations Committee and formally appoints to the Standing Advisory Board the candidates referenced above for new terms provided therein.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution was adopted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 2025, by the Executive Board of the District of Columbia Health Benefit Exchange Authority in an open meeting.

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Khalid Pitts, Secretary/Treasurer  
District of Columbia Health Benefits Exchange Authority

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