

**ATLANTIC AND CAPE MAY COUNTIES  
ASSOCIATION OF  
SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS  
JOINT INSURANCE FUND**

**ACCASBO JIF**

**PLAN OF RISK MANAGEMENT**

**2021-2022 FUND YEAR**

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The purpose of this document is to highlight major coverages, limits, sublimits and extensions as afforded through the SPELL JIF / ACCASBO JIF. This document is not a policy of insurance and in no way modifies, restricts, expands or in any other way changes the coverages afforded through the SPELL JIF / ACCASBO JIF. For actual coverage determination, reference must be made to the SPELL Coverage Document and any excess insurance or reinsurance purchased by the SPELL JIF.

## SECTION I. – INTRODUCTION

The Atlantic & Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) is a School District Joint Self Insurance Fund formed under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18B 1-10 et.seq. As indicated by the Fund's name, the ACCASBO JIF membership is comprised of school districts including elementary and secondary schools in Atlantic and Cape May and contiguous counties of New Jersey.

The origins of ACCASBO JIF date to July 1, 1983, when eleven (11) area districts decided to form a Safety Group to purchase workers' compensation insurance.

Through the hard work of dedicated school business administrators, the ACCASBO JIF successfully transitioned to an all lines Fund on July 1, 1991.

**ACCASBO JIF's Fund objectives are to:**

- 1. Provide member school districts with a long-term alternative to the conventional insurance market as a means of stabilizing the otherwise cyclical nature of insurance expenditures;**
- 2. Pro-actively develop and maintain safety, risk management and loss prevention programs which address issues inherent in today's school district operations;**
- 3. Carefully evaluate, and aggressively defend or settle claims made against member districts which fall within the coverage afforded through the Fund;**
- 4. Maintain a conservative funding posture in an effort to ensure the long-term financial security and stability of the Fund and, by extension, the members;**
- 5. Equitably distribute the Fund Budget among the participant member districts.**

We are proud to note that the ACCASBO JIF has maintained consistency in membership retention and growth while remaining focused on the Fund's overall mission and commitment to control premiums, tailor coverages to the needs of public school districts, provide the best property / casualty insurance and risk management programs available and allow for a sense of stability that does not exist in the traditional insurance market.

## **SPELL JIF (SCHOOL POOL FOR EXCESS LIABILITY LIMITS JOINT INSURANCE FUND)**

The SPELL JIF is a statutorily filed joint self-insurance fund originally formed by three JIF's, herein referred to as owner groups. The three charter owner groups were the Atlantic & Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF), Burlington County Insurance Pool Joint Insurance Fund (BCIP JIF) and the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund (GCSSD JIF). Suburban Essex Joint Insurance Fund (SE JIF) joined effective January 1, 2002.

Depending on the Owner Groups' needs for a particular year, the SPELL JIF can be used as a risk-taking entity, serving as a buffer between the Owner Groups' retained layers and the excess/reinsurance carriers' specific and aggregate attachment points, and/or as an administrative entity, not taking risk, but serving purely as a mechanism for group insurance purposes.

For the 2021-2022 fund year, the SPELL JIF will continue to serve as an administrative vehicle under which all Owner Group coverages will be purchased and certain service providers will be managed.

The SPELL JIF will also assume the risk of aggregate corridor deductibles in excess of the underlying Owner Group retained layers. The aggregate corridor deductible for Workers Compensation for the 2021-2022 fund year is \$1,000,000 and for the remaining package retained lines (crime, property, automobile liability, general liability and educators legal liability) a \$500,000 aggregate corridor deductible is assumed. If a specific claim or multiple claims within the SPELL JIF Owner Groups' exceeds the applicable \$250,000 self-insured retention, the SPELL JIF assumes liability for the amount excess of the self-insured retention up to the applicable aggregate corridor deductible limit. Once the applicable aggregate corridor deductible is exhausted by one specific claim or multiple claims, financial liability for all claims in excess of the self-insured retention is fully assumed by the reinsurance carrier up to the applicable stated limits.

Exhibit A shows the structure of the SPELL JIF. The structure includes \$2,000,000 in commercial excess aggregate protection designed to insulate owner groups from the risk of supplemental assessment over and above the initial loss funding for a particular year as calculated by the fund actuaries and approved by ACCASBO JIF's finance committee and the full membership. There are, however, three scenarios under which owner groups may be liable for supplemental assessments:

1. If an owner group elects to maintain an unfunded loss layer (risk window) and losses paid exceed the original funded amount,
2. If total paid losses exceed the original budgeted loss fund amounts, any unfunded loss layers, and the \$2,000,000 commercial excess aggregate limit, and
3. If the SPELL JIF's 2021-2022 **projected** payroll is less than the SPELL JIF's 2021-2022 **actual** payroll (note that the commercial excess aggregate attachment point is provisional based on **projected** payroll estimated at the beginning of the policy period. The attachment point will be adjusted upward if actual payroll at the end of the policy period exceeds projected payroll).

For 2021-2022, Owner Group loss funding is again combined on a shared basis across all owner groups members in the SPELL JIF configuration. By combining loss funding, owner groups suffering from a poor claims year will be able to tap into available funding from other owner groups, eliminating the need for supplemental assessments and allowing for all paid losses to accrue toward the commercial excess aggregate attachment point. The process is self-correcting as owner group(s) suffering from poor claims experience in a given year will likely realize increased loss funding requirements for the subsequent program year. Each Owner Group has a specified level of loss funding that they are responsible for within the combined loss funding structure. An individual Owner Group's surplus loss funding may be eroded by shared losses allocated from another Owner Group(s), but each Owner Group's loss funding responsibility is limited to the initial responsibility level established. The potential for supplemental is thus greatly reduced, limited only to the three scenarios outlined above.

**II.**  
**COVERAGE PROVIDED, LIMITS OF LIABILITY,**  
**SELF INSURED RETENTIONS AND DEDUCTIBLES**

## **A. GENERAL**

The ACCASBO JIF offers coverage to its member districts either directly or through the commercial insurance market, through one or more of the following vehicles:

- Excess Insurance
- Reinsurance
- Excess Property and Casualty Joint Insurance Fund
- Joint Purchase Agreement

The coverages provided to members of the ACCASBO JIF include the following:

1. Property (incl. Buildings and Contents, Inland Marine, and Automobile Physical Damage);
2. Boiler and Machinery / Equipment Breakdown;
3. General Liability and Automobile Liability (including Executive Automobile Liability);
4. Workers' Compensation;
5. Educator's Legal Liability;
6. Crime;
7. Pollution Legal Liability
8. Terrorism (for "non-certified" acts and "certified" acts as defined under TRIEA),
9. Cyber Liability,
10. Crisis / Disaster Management & Violent Malicious Acts,
11. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Liability, and
12. Organic Pathogen Coverage

The specific excess and/or reinsurance structure of the various coverages provided by the Fund are layered above individual district maintenance deductibles, and ACCASBO JIF's self-insured retentions. The Boiler and Machinery, Pollution Liability and Cyber Liability policies and are jointly purchased conventional insurance policies. Unless specifically stated to the contrary, limits shown in the following sections shall be considered to be exclusive of all applicable pooled self-insured retention and member maintenance deductibles. In the event of a loss involving multiple lines of coverage, one SIR (the highest in the involved lines) will apply; however, at no time will payment under a particular coverage line exceed its established SIR. This feature does not apply to the boiler and machinery, pollution liability and cyber liability coverages, as they are all group purchases of primary insurance policies.

The specific excess and/or reinsurance structure of the Fund, including elements of risk retention and risk transfer, is graphically illustrated by the bar chart attached hereto as Appendix "A" and is further expanded upon within this document. The Fund's structure reflects what are believed to be optimal limits of risk retention and transfer. The structure capitalizes on the collective financial and purchasing strength of the districts comprising the membership of the four owner group funds; BCIP JIF, ACCASBO JIF, GCSSD JIF and SE JIF. These funds collectively own the School Pool for Excess Liability Limits Joint Insurance Fund (SPELL JIF).

The Fund also provides for aggregate excess insurance, which is described in greater detail throughout this document.

**B. Property**

1.	Blanket loss limit of liability (per occurrence <sup>1</sup> )	\$175,000,000
2.	Owner Group district per occurrence <sup>2</sup> deductible	\$500
3.	Owner Group per occurrence retention	\$250,000 x/o \$500
4.	SPELL JIF per occurrence retention	None
5.	Commercial carrier per occurrence coverage	\$174,749,500 x/o \$250,500
6.	Coverage written on an “All Risk - Special Form” basis.	
7.	<u>Property Included and Additional Coverages</u>	<u>Per Occurrence Limit/Sub-Limit</u>
a.	All Covered Property Elements: Building, Contents and Property in the Open (Blanket Loss Limit exclusive of SIR)	\$175,000,000
b.	EDP Equipment/Media/Extra Expense (including sudden and accidental mechanical breakdown)	Included in limit
c.	Newly Acquired Property	Included in limit <sup>3</sup>
d.	Automatic Builder’s Risk – Owners Interest	Included in limit <sup>4</sup>
e.	Automatic Builder’s Risk – Third Party Contractors	\$25,000,000 <sup>4</sup>
f.	Mobile Equipment	Included in limit
g.	Automobile Physical Damage	Included in limit
h.	Debris Removal, Preservation of Property, Demolition and Increased Cost of Construction	Included in limit
i.	Accounts Receivable	Included in limit
j.	Fine Arts	Included in limit
k.	Business Income (includes Rental Value & Tuition/Fees)	Included in limit
l.	Valuable Papers	Included in limit
m.	Extra Expense	Included in limit
n.	Musical Instruments	Included in limit
o.	Audio-Visual Equipment	Included in limit
p.	Band Uniforms	Included in limit
q.	Theatrical Property	Included in limit
r.	Athletic Equipment	Included in limit

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<sup>1</sup> The per occurrence limit is the total loss, damage, disaster or casualty to covered property by or resulting from one or more covered causes of loss. Any loss caused by a single event that begins within seventy-two (72) hours of the start of the perils of tornado, cyclone, hurricane and windstorm. All earth movement or volcanic eruptions that occur within any one hundred sixty-eight (168) hour period will constitute a single earth movement. All flood events that occurs within any one-hundred sixty-eight (168) hour period will constitute a single flood. In the event of a single event involving two or more owner group members or owner groups, the available per occurrence limit would be \$175,000,000 excess of a \$500 member school district maintenance deductible for each involved Member school district and a single \$250,000 retention for all involved SPELL JIF owner group Joint Insurance Fund members.

<sup>2</sup> See Item N on page 13.

<sup>3</sup> Newly Acquired Property or Property Additions associated with Builders Risk, members are advised to report all such exposures immediately to the Fund Administrator. Any such property not reported during a Fund year or on a renewal exposure discovery questionnaire for the subsequent Fund year will not be covered in the subsequent year or any year thereafter until the property is reported.

<sup>4</sup> The \$175,000,000 per occurrence limit applies to automatic Builder’s Risk for the Member school district’s interest only. Automatic Builders Risk is extended to include third party contractors named as an insured subject to a \$25,000,000 per occurrence sublimit. If the Builder’s Risk exposure in excess of \$25,000,000 necessitates that another party be named as an insured, the member district must make arrangements either through the SPELL JIF Underwriting Manager or through another party for a separate policy as the Fund’s property program does not extend to these “other interests” above the \$25,000,000 sublimit.

s.	Property of Others	Included in limit
t.	Underground Property	\$1,000,000
u.	Unnamed Locations	\$25,000,000
v.	Earthquake (Annual Aggregate)	\$150,000,000 <sup>5</sup>
w.	Flood (Annual Aggregate) Loss – All Covered Zones	\$150,000,000 <sup>5</sup>
x.	Flood per Location Sublimit – Flood Zones with prefix A only	\$10,000,000 <sup>5</sup>
y.	Terrorism (\$50,000,000 per occurrence, subject to a \$50,000,000 all lines annual aggregate).	\$50,000,000
8.	<u>Property Excluded (Major Only)</u>	
a.	Growing Crops Lawns	
b.	Animals and Aircraft	
c.	Watercraft over 35 feet in length (Except for non-motor powered crew boats)	
d.	Land	
e.	Foundations	
f.	Bulkheads, Piers, Wharves or docks unless reported	
g.	Retaining Walls that are not attached to a building an insured owns	
9.	<u>Excluded Causes of Loss (Major Exclusions only)</u>	
a.	Wear, tear, deterioration, rust corrosion, hidden or latent defects, including any quality in the property that causes it to destroy itself	
b.	“Fungus”, wet rot, dry rot and bacteria	
c.	Insects, rodents, birds, or other animals	
d.	Mechanical breakdown including rupture or bursting caused by centrifugal force (except as provided under EDP coverage)	
e.	Explosion of steam boilers, pipes engines or turbines	
10.	<u>Property Valuation</u>	
a.	Buildings and Contents	Replacement Cost, Same Site Waiver, Blanket Basis No coinsurance clause; Actual Cash Value if useless to insure or not replaced.
b.	Mobile Equipment	Actual Cash Value
c.	Automobiles	Actual Cash Value
d.	School Buses /Vehicles Type I and II	Replacement Cost
e.	EDP Media	Cost of Replacement
f.	Business Income	Actual Loss Sustained
g.	Valuable Papers	Cost to Replace Documents

<sup>5</sup> Property coverage includes Flood & Earthquake sub-limits with annual aggregates; these sub-limits are inclusive of the per occurrence limit, are not additional limits and are subject to the retention described herein on a per occurrence basis. All Flood Zones described herein are as defined by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Flood losses inside of NFIP Flood Zones that begin with the prefix “A” have a SPELL JIF per occurrence and annual aggregate limit of \$50,000,000. Flood losses outside of NFIP Flood Zones that begin with the prefix “A” have a SPELL JIF per occurrence and annual aggregate limit of \$150,000,000. Flood losses within NFIP Flood Zones that begin with the prefix “A” are subject to a per occurrence sublimit of \$10,000,000 per location. Flood coverage for locations within NFIP Flood Zones that begin with the prefix “A” applies excess of maximum available NFIP limits of \$500,000 each building and \$500,000 content values for each building. Flood coverage for locations within NFIP Flood Zones that begin with the prefix “A” applies excess of \$100,000 per occurrence per involved Member school district as respects Time Element. No Coverage is provided for NFIP Flood Zones that begin with the prefix “V” – No applicable locations are in Flood Zone V. Earthquake losses are subject to a SPELL JIF per occurrence sub-limit of coverage of \$150,000,000 with a \$150,000,000 SPELL JIF annual aggregate limit of liability.

**C. BOILER AND MACHINERY / EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN (Joint Purchase)**

1.	Equipment Breakdown Limit	\$125,000,000
2.	Owner Group district deductible	\$1,000 Per Occurrence for Direct Loss and Perishable Goods;
3.	Owner Group per occurrence retention	NONE
4.	SPELL JIF Retention	NONE
5.	Commercial carrier placement	\$125,000,000 inclusive of \$1,000 deductible
6.	<u>Policy Sub-Limits/Extensions/Conditions</u>	
a.	Off Premises Property Damage	\$5,000,000
b.	Service Interruption	Included in policy limit Subject to 4 hour waiting period
c.	Spoilage / Perishable Goods	\$100,000,000 Subject to 4 hour waiting period
d.	Data Restoration	\$5,000,000
e.	Ordinance or Law, including Demolition and Increased Cost of Construction	\$10,000,000
f.	Expediting Expenses	Included in policy limit
g.	Hazardous Substance Expense	\$10,000,000
h.	Repair and Replacement (Boiler/Vessel)	Included in policy limit
i.	Newly Acquired Locations	Included in policy limit <u>subject to 365 days' notice</u>
j.	Dependent Property	\$10,000,000
k.	Water Damage (if not covered elsewhere)	Included in policy limit
l.	Underground Pressure Vessel and Piping	Included in policy limit
m.	Unnamed Locations	Included in policy limit
n.	Electrical Surge or Disturbance	Included in policy limit
o.	Extra Expense/Business Interruption	Included in policy limit/Actual Loss Sustained
p.	CFC Refrigerants, including Ammonia contamination	Included in policy limit

**D. GENERAL AND AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY**

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|----|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. | Limit of Liability: <sup>6</sup>   | \$20,000,000 Per Occurrence |
| 2. | Owner Group district deductible  | NONE                        |
| 3. | Owner Group per occurrence retention   | \$250,000                   |
| 4. | SPELL JIF Retention  | NONE                        |
| 5. | Commercial carrier placement   | \$19,750,000 x/o \$250,000  |
| 6. | <u>Coverages Included</u>  |                             |
| a. | General Liability (including bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, advertising injury, products/completed operations and blanket contractual liability) |                             |
| b. | Civil Rights   |                             |
| c. | Corporal Punishment  |                             |
| d. | Athletic Participation   |                             |
| e. | Owned & Non-owned Watercraft less than 35 feet in length and non-motor powered crew boats under or over 35 feet in length.   |                             |
| f. | Volunteers   |                             |
| g. | Garagekeepers Liability and Garagekeepers Legal Liability  |                             |
| h. | Automobile Liability (including Executive Automobile coverage detailed separately in E. below)   |                             |
| i. | Automobile Medical Payments (\$10,000 per person/\$150,000 per accident) coverage is inclusive of Owner Group retention  |                             |
| j. | Uninsured/Underinsured Motorist Liability (\$15,000/30,000/5,000)  |                             |
| k. | No Fault Personal Injury Protection (statutory minimum)  |                             |
| l. | Employee Benefits Liability (claims made with retro date concurrent with each member district's membership inception date)   |                             |
| m. | Host and/or Liquor Liability   |                             |
| n. | Incidental Medical Malpractice   |                             |
| o. | Sexual Misconduct (\$15,000,000 each occurrence, \$15,000,000 annual aggregate per Member School District)   |                             |
| p. | Fire Damage Legal Liability (\$2,500,000 sublimit)   |                             |
| q. | Terrorism (\$20,000,000 each occurrence, subj. to \$50,000,000 all lines annual aggregate.   |                             |
| 7. | <u>Coverages Excluded (Major only)</u>   |                             |
| a. | Nuclear Liability  |                             |
| b. | Watercraft, Airport and Aircraft Liability (except for non-motor powered crew boats)   |                             |
| c. | Pollution Liability (except for hostile fire)  |                             |
| d. | Medical Malpractice for Doctors, Hospitals and Clinics   |                             |
| e. | Workers' Compensation/Employers Liability/Occupational Disease (see Workers' Compensation Coverage)  |                             |
| f. | Inverse Condemnation and Related Claims  |                             |
| g. | Asbestos (absolute)  |                             |
| h. | Enforcement Actions by Administrative Regulatory Bodies  |                             |
| i. | Mediation, Arbitration or similar advisory or binding dispute resolution proceeding results related to Civil Service, Labor Contract or Similar Rule or Regulation |                             |
| j. | Employment Practices Liability (see Educator's Legal Liability)  |                             |
| k. | "Fungus", wet rot, dry rot and bacteria  |                             |
| l. | Use of autos or mobile equipment in racing, speed, demolition or stunting activities   |                             |

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<sup>6</sup>The General and Automobile Liability limit is expressed as a per occurrence limit, with no annual aggregate limit. Employee Benefits Liability, a subpart of the General Liability coverage part, remains a claims made form with a \$20,000,000 per member annual aggregate.

**E. EXECUTIVE AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY – Defined Additional Limits**

1.	Uninsured Motorists Coverage:	\$1,000,000
2.	Underinsured Motorists Coverage:	\$1,000,000
3.	Medical Payments Coverage (inclusive of retention):	\$500,000
	a. Deductible:	\$500
	b. PIP is primary.	
	Lawsuit Threshold Applies.	
4.	Option 8 PIP Benefits	
	a. Income Benefit – Weekly	\$700
	b. Income Benefit – Maximum	\$72,800
	c. Essential Services - Per Day	\$20
	d. Essential Services – Maximum	\$14,600
	e. Funeral Expense – Maximum	\$2,000
	f. Death Benefit	\$10,000

“Executive Automobile” means a specifically identified automobile provided to a specifically identified employee of a member school district for business and personal use on a contractual and/or operational basis. Executive Automobiles are owned or leased by a member school district principally for school related business purposes and personal use is an incidental exposure. Executive Automobiles are provided to specific individuals on a twenty four-hour, seven-day a week and fifty-two week a year basis. Executive Automobile does not mean a personal automobile owned, leased, rented or borrowed by a member district employee.

Coverage is extended solely to those vehicles and member district employees who are specifically identified by member districts to the Fund Administrator. The Fund Administrator shall maintain a list of all such vehicles and persons as identified by member districts.

**F. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION**

1.	Limit of Liability	
	Workers’ Compensation	Statutory
	Employers Liability/ Occupational Disease	\$10,000,000 per occurrence
	Terrorism (subj. to \$50,000,000 all lines annual aggregate)	\$20,000,000 per occurrence
2.	Owner Group district deductible	NONE
3.	Owner Group retentions (WC & EL)	\$250,000
4.	SPELL JIF Retention	NONE
5.	Commercial carrier placement	
	A. Workers’ Compensation	Statutory limits xs \$250,000
	B. Employers Liability/ Occupational Disease	\$9,750,000 xs \$250,000

**G. EDUCATOR’S LEGAL LIABILITY**

1.	Limit of Liability:	\$20,000,000 per district / claim
		\$20,000,000 annual aggregate per Member District
		Claims Made form, Retroactive date July 1, 2009, coverage is excess of other valid and collectable insurance
2.	Owner Group district deductible	NONE
3.	Owner Group retentions	\$250,000
4.	Commercial carrier placement	\$19,750,000 x/o \$250,000
5.	Terrorism (subj. to \$50,000,000 policy annual aggregate)	\$20,000,000 per claim
6.	Administrative Matter Defense	\$127,500 <sup>7</sup>
		SPELL JIF Annual Aggregate

**H. CRIME**

<sup>7</sup>The SPELL JIF Administrative Matter Defense Program provides expense reimbursement to member districts subject to \$1,500 maximum annual aggregate reimbursement per member district. The program is not a carrier purchased coverage and is not provided for within the SPELL JIF Coverage Document. The program is fully self-funded through the SPELL JIF and is subject to a maximum aggregate exposure of \$127,500.

1.	Limits of Liability	Per Occurrence
	Employee Dishonesty	\$500,000
	Money & Securities (in and out)	\$500,000
	Faithful Performance	\$500,000
	Counterfeit Papers	\$500,000
	Depositors Forgery	\$500,000
2.	Owner Group district deductible	\$500 <sup>8</sup>
3.	Owner Group retentions	\$250,000 x/o \$500
4.	SPELL JIF Retention	NONE
5.	Commercial carrier placement	\$249,500 x/o \$250,500

**I. POLLUTION LEGAL LIABILITY (Joint Purchase)**

1.	Limits of Liability	Per Pollution Incident, combined single limit Pollution / 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Mold, claims-made form
	Per Pollution Incident – Pollution / Mold Combined	\$3,000,000
	Annual Aggregate per Owner Group – Pollution / Mold Incident Combined	\$6,000,000
	Annual SPELL JIF Aggregate – Pollution / Mold Incident Combined	\$12,000,000
2.	Owner Group and SPELL JIF retention	NONE
3.	Member District Deductible each Pollution Incident	\$25,000
	Member District Deductible each Mold Incident	Per incident deductibles for Mold are tiered based upon the age of applicable individual structures and subject to carrier determination at time of each specific incident (See policy form).

4. Major Exclusions

a. Known Claims	f. Damage to Insured's Property
b. Punitive, exemplary or multiplied portions of multiple damages	g. Asbestos or Lead, except as provided by any endorsement which may be issued to the policy
c. Bodily Injury to employee	h. Professional Services Rendered by Named Insured
d. Products Liability	i. Underground Storage Tanks
e. Intentional or Illegal Acts	j. Cross Liability (Insured suit against another Insured)

**J. CYBER LIABILITY (Joint Purchase)**

COVERAGE SECTION	Sublimit of Liability	Retention	Aggregate Limit	Retroactive Date
Security and Privacy Liability	\$2,000,000	Tier 1 Qualified \$50,000 / 25% Coinsurance	\$15,000,000	Prior & Pending Date 7/1/2018 / Full Prior Acts
Incident Response Expense	\$2,000,000			
Business Interruption	\$2,000,000			
Business Interruption Waiting Period	8 hours	Tier 2 Qualified \$100,000 / 25% Coinsurance		
Data Recovery (including Bricking)	\$2,000,000			
Regulatory Proceedings	\$2,000,000	8 hr waiting period for BI		
Cyber Extortion	\$2,000,000			
Media Liability	\$2,000,000			

<sup>8</sup>See Item N Page 13.

**K. CRISIS PROTECTION & DISASTER MANAGEMENT INSURANCE (Joint Purchase)**

Each Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Annual Aggregate	\$10,000,000
Owner Group and SPELL JIF retention	NONE
Member District Deductible each occurrence	\$10,000

**L. COMMERCIAL UMBRELLA LIABILITY INSURANCE (Optional Member Purchase\*)**

Aggregate Shared Program Limit – GL / AL / ELL	\$50,000,000
Underlying SPELL JIF Limit – GL / AL / ELL	\$20,000,000

\*Coverage only applies to Jackson Township BOE, Ewing Township BOE and Millstone BOE

**M. UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS LIABILITY**

Coverage for Owned and Non-Owned included in General Liability.

**N. MAINTENANCE DEDUCTIBLE**

In the event that the commercial excess aggregate attachment point is reached, the individual district property and crime deductibles will remain at \$500.00. Further, the member maintenance deductibles are not considered loss funds and therefore do not accrue toward erosion of the excess aggregate attachment point.

**M. AGGREGATE EXCESS LOSS CONTINGENCY FUND**

In June of 1996, the Department of Banking and Insurance adopted administrative codes for school district joint insurance funds like the ACCASBO JIF, reference N.J.A.C. 11:15-4.6 *et. seq.* One aspect of these regulations is the requirement that joint insurance funds either buy aggregate excess insurance as described in J. above, and/or budget additional money to be collected from the members in an aggregate excess loss contingency fund. The spirit of this portion of the administrative code is to provide even greater fiscal security to joint insurance funds than the security provided through the funding of loss retention accounts based upon an independent actuarial loss funding model.

The members view this requirement as supporting their primary objective to stabilize costs. The history of the Fund is to purchase aggregate excess insurance whenever possible to protect against a series of losses. However, the Fund has also observed that this is not always possible and has instead budgeted an additional amount of money as loss fund contingency in those years when aggregate excess insurance was either not available or too costly to consider. For the members, the aggregate excess loss contingency fund is simply a new name for an established practice. The ACCASBO JIF has the flexibility to budget extra money in the absence of appropriately priced commercially available aggregate excess insurance. Should it choose to do so, it will refer to these moneys as aggregate excess loss contingency funds.

The administrative code defines the aggregate excess loss contingency fund as a separate fund which is always accounted for in the current fund fiscal year. The moneys are set aside for a period of at least two years to pay for claim activity that exhausts loss funds in a claim retention account in the original fund year in which the moneys were set aside. The code also defines the minimum statutory funding for this aggregate loss fund account and specifically states that nothing in the law shall prevent a joint insurance fund from funding this account at a higher level. Both the statute and administrative code governing the ACCASBO JIF also require that any surplus and/or deficit in every retention account for each year is owned by the members who were a part of that year according to the percentage that their individual total contribution bears to the budget in that year. Contributions made to the aggregate excess loss contingency fund are no different in this regard.

However, the aggregate excess loss contingency fund is different than other loss retention accounts in two fundamental ways; the manner in which the ACCASBO JIF must account for the funds and its use across all years by individual members. Because the aggregate excess loss contingency fund moves from the current fiscal year forward to the succeeding fiscal year in its entirety and the statutory minimum funding associated with a specific fund fiscal year must be retained for a minimum of two years, this fund must always be accounted for on an individual member basis showing both a member's statutory encumbered portion and their statutory unencumbered portion.

As discussed above, the aggregate excess loss contingency funds are intended to provide an immediate response to the need to replenish money in a loss fund account where the original loss funding has been consumed. It is also true that over time if the value of the projected ultimate cost of claims within a loss retention account as defined by the claims administrator added to the Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR) values developed by the actuary do not exceed the original loss funding within a loss retention account after two years, the administrative code permits but does not mandate a full return of those aggregate excess loss contingency funds to their member owners. Thus, the aggregate excess loss contingency funds that are surplus and not yet returned can be used by members to pay for additional money needs in any fund year when and if needed. This provides members with the opportunity to accrue surplus aggregate excess loss contingency funds and use them across all fund years in much the same way they have used the loss fund contingency money in earlier budgets as a safeguard across multi-line retention accounts in a given fund fiscal year.

In this regard, the aggregate excess loss contingency fund is in part a protection against adverse development for both specific retention accounts as well as providing protection on a multi-year and multi-line loss basis.

The administrative code specifically permits a member to use released surplus funds in loss retention accounts to either take them in the form of a return of surplus or to be applied toward the payment of a future premium. As the unencumbered portion of the aggregate excess loss contingency fund is an individual member owned surplus account, members with accrued surplus in this account can likewise use these funds in the same way.

Finally, the ACCASBO JIF views the aggregate excess loss contingency fund as a better version of the old loss fund contingency. We believe it provides a stronger vehicle through which members can build a financial bank against adverse development on a multi-year and multi-line basis. It is the hope of the ACCASBO JIF that members will use this fund to provide themselves with a financial vehicle through which they can manage an additional assessment with no cost to their district or pay future insurance premiums to stabilize costs, or both.

### **III.**

## **OPERATIONAL PHILOSOPHY**

**A. GENERAL**

This section of the Risk Management Program is developed to provide general instruction for key areas and providers of service to the Fund. Also included here are sections that restate (and amplify) the roles and responsibilities of important parties and stress the importance of activities upon which the long term success of the Fund will hinge in whole or in part.

**B. FUND COMMISSIONERS AND TRUSTEES**

The Fund Commissioners are the backbone of the Fund. These individuals will greatly contribute to the success of the Fund and actively participate in the safety and loss control programs developed by the Fund.

**C. FUND PROFESSIONALS AND RISK MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS**

The success of the ACCASBO JIF will, in part, be a reflection of the professionalism of those providers (Fund Professionals and Risk Management Consultants) whose services are integral components of the Fund. Support of the concept of self-insurance, the Fund in general, and the risk management activities of member districts in particular are necessary elements of success.

The utilization of local risk management consultants by Fund Members is permitted by the Fund, but management of the fee arrangement for such utilization has been the responsibility of the applicable member board of education. The Fund will administer the collection and disbursement of such fees on behalf of the applicable member board of education. Fee arrangements will still be negotiated by the applicable member and consultant, but the fees will be administered as a pass-through addition to the Fund's standard budget, billing and disbursement practices.

**D. CLAIMS RESPONSE, RESERVING, MANAGEMENT AND SETTLEMENT**

In reviewing each claim presented, the Fund (operating through its claims administrator and legal counsel) shall review such claims for coverage, deny those not falling within the purview of coverage offered, aggressively defend those in dispute, pursue to the fullest extent of the law those presented in bad faith, and settle as expeditiously as possible those for which the Fund is legally liable.

Case reserves, including all types of applicable allocated loss adjusting expenses, will be established with an eye toward identifying the full exposure of the Fund and its excess insurance carriers or reinsurers at the earliest possible date. Reserves shall be periodically reviewed for accuracy and adjusted as needed.

For claims aged eighteen (18) months or more, it is expected that reserves will be not less than 90% accurate. For claims aged thirty (30) months or more 95% accuracy is expected.

Procedures and settlement authority for claims must be tailored to differentiate between the types of claims and to address the unique character of those claims.

**Workers' Compensation Claims**

Workers' Compensation Claims are first reviewed by the Claims Administrator to determine whether the injury claimed arises out of the employment relationship, as defined by the New Jersey Workers' Compensation Act. If there are any questions on that issue, the Claims Administrator consults with the legal counsel for the Fund.

Disputed claims will be investigated and prepared for litigation. Once the claimant has filed a petition, the Fund legal counsel will assign the defense to an attorney or law firm approved by the Board of Trustees and will monitor the defense and any settlement discussions.

## **General Liability Claims**

General Liability Claims include those arising under the New Jersey Tort Claims Act and all other claims other than Workers' Compensation and Property Damage Claims.

The Fund Legal Counsel shall develop and submit to the Board of Trustees for adoption a policy for the handling of claims, which shall include forms for the filing of a Notice of Tort Claim and such other procedures as the Legal Counsel shall deem appropriate. Upon adoption of the policy, the member school districts shall follow the established procedure with respect to all claims.

Upon receipt of a Tort Notice Claim Form, the Claims Administrator and the Fund Legal Counsel shall each review the claim with respect to liability. The Claims Administrator shall conduct any investigation that is necessary or appropriate in order to evaluate both liability and value of the claim and shall share that information with the Legal Counsel upon request.

Disputed claims will be investigated and prepared for litigation. Once the claimant has filed a suit, the Fund legal counsel will assign the defense to an attorney or law firm approved by the Board of Trustees and will monitor the defense and any settlement discussions.

## **Property Damage Claims**

Upon receipt of a property damage claim, the Claims Administrator shall first review the claim with respect to liability. The Claims Administrator shall conduct any investigation that is necessary or appropriate in order to evaluate both liability and value of the claim.

## **Settlement and Management Authority**

Payment of any claim, whether for managing medical and other file expenses or settlement, where the Fund maintains a self-insured retention may be made by the Claims Administrator up to \$20,000.00. For any and all claims whose paid sums are anticipated to be in excess of \$20,000.00, approval shall be required by the Board of Trustees before the Claims Administrator can make any payment of more than \$20,000.00 total.

## **Interim Settlement Procedure and Authority**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that there will be claims that need authority in excess of the \$20,000 of authority provided above. The majority of these claims will be presented to the Board of Trustees in the closed session portion of regularly scheduled meetings. From time to time however, the need for additional authority will occur in between regularly scheduled meetings for a variety of reasons including an adverse and unexpected judgment; an opportunistic and unexpected change by a plaintiff to accept a reduced settlement that is in excess of authority on the file; and because a file had not been timely reviewed and simply needed additional authority to continue payments between meetings. To manage this, the Board of Trustees provides this interim authority at two levels.

In the interest of efficiently managing claims in between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Claims Administrator may seek up to an additional \$20,000 of authority above the \$20,000 of authority on original claims or above an already higher granted authority on a claim file in between regularly scheduled meetings of the Fund by seeking said authority from the Fund Administrator and Fund Attorney. If the Fund Administrator and Fund Attorney agree the additional authority is needed they shall together grant the authority on behalf of the Board of Trustees. All such authority granted must then be reported as described below.

In the event that a claim needs greater additional authority than the \$20,000 described above in between regularly scheduled meetings, the Claims Administrator shall first consult with the Fund Administrator and Fund Solicitor on the request. If the Fund Administrator and Fund Solicitor agree the request is needed, the Fund Administrator shall prepare a formal request to the Board of Trustees and poll the Board of Trustees for its decision. The Fund Administrator shall communicate to the Claims Administrator and Fund Attorney the results of the Board of Trustees voting and shall report out these actions at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees as described below.

## **Stewardship Reports**

Whenever a claim has been settled by the Claims Administrator or by the Claims Administrator in combination with the Fund Administrator and Fund Attorney, a report on the claim shall be submitted to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting. The report shall include: the name of the claimant, the name of the member board of education against which the claim is asserted, the assigned claim number, the involved coverage, the disposition of the request if for additional authority and the total incurred value of the settlement or authority granted.

### **E. CERTIFYING AND APPROVING OFFICER**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that the expeditious resolution of certain claims and the payment of administrative expenses related to seminars, meetings, etc. sometimes arise on an emergent basis. The Board also understands that the insurance regulations governing joint insurance funds in the State of New Jersey allow the Board to designate a certifying and approving officer who shall have limited payment authority in emergent situations. Pursuant to the insurance regulations, the Fund hereby authorizes the appointment of the Fund Administrator as its Certifying and Approving Officer.

The Certifying and Approving Officer shall have payment authority for incidental administrative expenses in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 per event, defined as one seminar, meeting, etc. The Certifying and Approving Officer shall have payment authority for the expeditious resolution of claims in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per claim. In the resolution of these matters, the Certifying and Approving Officer shall not authorize payment unless the request for payment is accompanied by a detailed bill of demands, specifying particularly how the bill or demand is made up, with the certification of the party claiming payment that it is correct, and shall be certified by an officer of the Fund having knowledge of the facts that the goods have been received by, or the services rendered to the Fund. In the case of claims or losses to be charged against any loss fund, the Fund's claims administrator shall certify as to the correctness and validity of the claim and an officer of the Fund shall agree to the resolution of the claim.

Once the Certifying and Approving Officer has authorized payment, he shall prepare a report of the payment activities and shall submit a report to the Board of Trustees at their next regularly scheduled meeting in either Open or Executive Session depending upon the nature of the expense.

### **F. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

Consistent with the objective of serving as a long term vehicle through which to stabilize the costs associated with insurance coverages, the underlying premise of the Fund's financial base shall be one of conservative up-front funding, prudent investment of idle funds, and maintenance of stringent paper and audit trails. As is the case with all other aspects of the Fund, the financial assets of the Fund can well be considered as monies held in public trust. Treatment and handling of these Funds must be accomplished in a manner that reflects the stewardship obligation of those whose hands through which they pass. All actuarial, investment, treasury and banking functions of the Fund are to be accomplished in a manner consistent with the same legal and administrative standards applicable to school districts in the State of New Jersey and shall be overseen by the Board of Trustees and its Finance Committee.

### **G. SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

Implementation of safety and risk management programs are essential to reduce risk and contain costs for the member districts. The ACCASBO JIF (operating through the Fund's Safety Committee) implements safety and loss control programs and procedures, directed at reducing or eliminating conditions or practices which lead to loss. These programs, implemented in progressive steps, will include items such as:

- a. Member district facility inspections supplemented by those conducted by the Fund's Safety Coordinator;
- b. Seminars or other training programs directed at specific areas of district operations from which losses are likely to occur;
- c. Promotional programs stressing safety in all district operations and offering incentives for active participation by all Fund members.

## H. ANNUAL SURPLUS AND ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

Each spring the ACCASBO JIF performs an analysis of its financial position for each fund fiscal year and line of coverage. This involves review of the current audited financial statements, actuarial loss development report valued as of December 31st of the current fiscal year, and the surplus return calculations as defined in the administrative code. This analysis will yield the available statutory surplus by line of coverage for each fund year and the amount of unencumbered money (or available surplus) by member in the aggregate excess loss contingency fund. It also reveals the cash depletion position for any line of coverage by fund year that is projecting a deficit.

Based upon this analysis, the Finance Committee develops a recommendation for the Board of Trustees of the ACCASBO JIF to seek authorization by the Commissioner of the Department of Banking and Insurance to release a portion of the available surplus or declare a supplemental assessment. If this recommendation is affirmatively acted on by the Board of Trustees and subsequently authorized by the Commissioner, then a resolution is issued to each affected member district advising them of their net position in the decision and providing them with the opportunity to manage their position in the following ways:

1. Existing Members:

- a) If their net position reveals a surplus, they can either 1) take the money in the form of a check, 2) apply the money toward their next year's premium, 3) transfer the money to their unencumbered portion of the aggregate excess loss contingency fund, or 4) divide their available money to be used for two or more of these purposes.
- b) If their net position reveals a deficit, they will have to pay this bill.

2. Former Members:

- a) Under no circumstances will the actual distribution of any approved net surplus share to a former member occur until ALL applicable fund year obligations are satisfied and the final obligation, if any, is determinable and satisfied without residual potential for future development of additional liability.
- b) Until such time as the above requirement is satisfied, any approved net surplus share belonging to a former member will be transferred to their portion of the unencumbered aggregate excess loss contingency fund account.
- c) Once the requirement in 2. a) is satisfied, if their net position reveals a surplus, they will be issued a check for the applicable amount. No other option is available to former members.

It is the intent of the ACCASBO JIF to conclude this process by May of the current fund fiscal year and act upon individual current and former member choices at the first July meeting of the subsequent year.

Any current or former member who does not act on their resolution within the timeframe established by the Board of Trustees shall forfeit their right to act independently for that year and accept the following results:

1. In the event of non-action by an existing member on a net return of money:

- The total net return amount shall be transferred to the individual member's portion of their unencumbered aggregate excess loss contingency fund.

2. In the event of a bill for additional money:

- The bill will be sent with a payment due date in advance of the July meeting of the immediately succeeding fund year.

No such refund shall relieve any member or former member of the fund from being jointly and severally liable for the final disposition of a fund year or years from which surplus distributions were made.

**I. SPELL JIF DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES**

SPELL JIF Delegates and Alternate Delegates are selected based upon their knowledge of the Fund. It is incumbent upon these persons to carefully consider the decisions of the SPELL JIF Board of Trustees in the light of what is in the best interests of the Atlantic and Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund.

**J. REQUIREMENT TO PURCHASE STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Every Member District is required to purchase student accident insurance to cover medical expenses incurred by students as a result of accidents sustained while participating in school related activities. The minimum insurance requirement is a policy that will respond to accidents on a mandatory excess basis for at least \$10,000 in medical payments and is secondary only to the student's available health insurance.

**K. NEW MEMBER ONE TIME PARTIAL MEMBERSHIP TERM**

The participating member JIFs that collectively own and manage the School Pool for Excess Liability Limits Joint Insurance Fund (SPELL JIF) are the only joint insurance funds in New Jersey who's Bylaws require all lines of insurance be placed with their Fund as a condition of membership. All other joint insurance funds will permit membership on a partial basis. As a consequence, most districts seeking membership in SPELL JIF affiliated joint insurance funds are requesting partial membership. The policy of "all lines" with a three year term is making it very difficult for the Fund to be a viable option for these districts.

The purpose of this policy is to provide non-member districts who wish to become full members in the Fund with a specific method for achieving that goal. For non-member districts with staggered insurance policies or other JIF memberships, the Fund will offer a proposal for the expiring lines that will coincide with the term of the unexpired coverages. For example, a district that has property and liability coverage expiring 6/30 of the current school fiscal year and workers' compensation expiring 6/30 of the next school fiscal year, the Fund will offer a one year property and liability membership with no promise of continuing membership past the first partial term period. The Fund would then consider offering membership on an all lines basis for a three year term following the initial one time partial membership term.

The initial one time partial membership term only occur one time for any district. The initial one time partial term membership term cannot continue past the initial one time partial membership term expiration date. Continued membership beyond the initial one time partial membership term requires a three year membership commitment based upon all lines of insurance being placed with the Fund.

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#### IV.

### ACCASBO JIF 2021-2022 MEMBER LIST

Avalon Board of Education
Brigantine Public School District
Cape May Point Board of Education (Effective 11/17/2021)
Egg Harbor City School District
Egg Harbor Township School District
Estell Manor City School District
Folsom Board of Education
Galloway Township Public Schools
Greater Egg Harbor Regional High School District
Hamilton Township School District
Hammonton Board of Education
Jackson Township Board of Education
Linwood Board of Education
Longport Board of Education
Lower Cape May Regional School District
Lower Township Elementary School District
Mainland Regional High School
Margate City Board of Education
Middle Township Board of Education
Mullica Township Board of Education
North Wildwood School District
Northfield Board Of Education
Pitman Board of Education
Somers Point Board of Education
Stone Harbor Board of Education
Upper Township Board of Education
Washington Township School District – Greenbank (Burlington County)
Weymouth Township School District
Wildwood Crest Board of Education

## **APPENDIX “A”**

### **2021-2022 ACCASBO JIF Program Structure**



## **APPENDIX “B”**

### **Committee Charters**

## **Coverage Committee Charter**

The Atlantic and Cape May Counties School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) Board of Trustees hereby constitutes and establishes a Coverage Committee:

### **Composition**

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chair at the annual reorganization meeting and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
2. The Committee shall be comprised at least four (4) members and shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees.
3. Also, serving on the Committee as necessary shall be the Fund Actuary, Fund Attorney and a representative from the Administrator's office.
4. Additionally, up to six (6) Risk Management Consultants may serve as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees Chair.

### **Authority and Responsibility**

The Coverage Committee is to serve as a focal point for discussion on issues pertaining to coverage, underwriting, and reinsurance. The Coverage Committee shall advise the Board of Trustees on issues pertaining to coverage requirements of members of the JIF, coverage issues in the insurance industry which should be addressed by the JIF, the efficiency and clarity of communications between the JIF and the members regarding coverage issues, the proposed role of the JIF in addressing areas of insurance outside of its normal purview, retention and reinsurance issues, and underwriting guidelines.

The Coverage Committee of the ACCASBO JIF was established by charter approved by motion of the JIF's Board of Trustees on November 19, 1997. The Committee's operational guidelines are set down herein and may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

### **Meetings**

The Committee is to meet as many times per year as the Committee Chair deems necessary, at the discretion of the Chair.

### **Attendance**

Members of the Committee should be present at all meetings. As necessary or desirable, the Chair may request that other Fund Commissioners, Fund Professionals or consultants attend to participate in discussions of particular issues.

A representative of the Administrator's office shall attend all meetings and shall serve as staff to the Committee.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting are to be prepared and approved by the Committee members and provided to the Board of Trustees.

### **Specific Duties**

The Coverage Committee is to:

- (1) Oversee the implementation of coverage, underwriting, and retention and reinsurance guidelines.
- (2) Monitor the existing coverages of the JIF to determine whether existing coverage is adequate and appropriate; and evaluate whether changes in members' needs and/or loss patterns necessitate changes to existing coverage.
- (3) Identify and evaluate emerging techniques for transfer of risk which could be adopted by the JIF in order to enhance the protection of the JIF's assets and, by extension, the financial interests of members of the JIF.
- (4) Review the retention structure of the JIF to determine whether changes in the structure are needed in order to improve coverage or to achieve economies.
- (5) Apprise the Board of Trustees, through minutes and special presentations as necessary, of significant developments in the course of performing the above duties.
- (6) Perform additional duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees related to this Charter and the discharge of duties as assigned above.

## **Finance / Investment Committee Charter**

The Atlantic and Cape May Counties School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) Board of Trustees hereby constitutes and establishes a Finance/Investment Committee:

### **Composition**

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chair at the annual reorganization meeting and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
2. The Committee shall be comprised of at least five (5) members and shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and shall be chaired by a member of the Board of Trustees.
3. Also, serving on the Committee as necessary shall be the Fund Actuary, Fund Auditor, Fund Treasurer and a representative from the Administrator's office.

### **Authority and Responsibility**

The Finance/Investment Committee is to serve as the focal point for communication between the Fund's Commissioners and the Fund's professionals for the development of an annual budget. The Finance/Investment Committee shall work with the Fund's Professionals and Committees as necessary to develop claims funding, expense funding and funding for special programs. The Committee shall also review the investment and cash management programs of the Fund.

The Finance/Investment Committee will also examine the financial audits of the Fund, as prepared by the Fund's Auditor in conjunction with the Fund's Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Actuary and Claims Administrator. The Finance/Investment Committee shall comment on the independence of the Board of Trustees' independent auditors, the integrity of management and the adequacy of disclosures to the public. It will serve as a focal point for communication between the independent Auditor, the Treasurer, Bookkeeper and the Fund's Professionals as their duties relate to financial accounting, reporting, and internal controls and compliance. The Committee is to assist in fulfilling responsibility as to accounting policies and reporting practices of the Fund and sufficiency of the auditing function. The Committee shall oversee and advise the Board of Trustees regarding the selection of independent auditors. The Board of Trustees' access to the independent auditor shall in no way be limited or superseded by the activities of this Committee.

The Finance/Investment Committee of the ACCASBO JIF was established by charter approved by motion of the Board of Trustees on November 19, 1997. The Committee's operational guidelines are set down herein and may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

### **Meetings**

The Committee should meet at least four times per year at the discretion of the Committee Chair to review issues such as the annual audit, the semi-annual financial review, the fund's budget and assessment allocation strategies.

### **Attendance**

Members of the Committee should be present at all meetings. As necessary or desirable, the Chair may request that other Fund Commissioners, Fund Professionals or consultants attend to participate in discussions of particular issues.

A representative of the Administrator's office shall attend all meetings and shall serve as staff to the Finance/Investment Committee.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting are to be prepared and approved by the Committee members and provided to the Board of Trustees.

### **Specific Duties**

The Finance/Investment Committee is to:

- (1) Review all renewal fees and professional services review worksheets referred by the Fund's Board of Trustees on all of the Fund's professional service providers, including actuary, administrator, attorney, auditor, bookkeeper, claims administrator, claims auditor, property appraiser, risk management assessor, treasurer and any other professionals requiring a performance review.

- (2) Review all funding requirements as determined by the Fund's Actuary.
- (3) Review all funding levels for programs and miscellaneous and contingency items.
- (4) Review assessment strategies at various levels of capping for allocation of the annual assessments to Fund members.
- (5) Review all fiscal policies and procedures of the Fund, including the investment strategies proposed and/or implemented by the Fund's Professionals.
- (6) Apprise the Board of Trustees, through minutes and special presentations as necessary, of significant developments in the course of performing the above duties.
- (7) Perform additional duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees related to this Charter and the discharge of duties as assigned above.

With respect to the Fund's financial audits, the Committee is to:

- (1) Review, with the Board of Trustees and the Treasurer and Bookkeeper, the Fund's policies and procedures to reasonably assure the adequacy of internal controls over accounting, administration, compliance with laws and regulations and financial reporting.
- (2) Have familiarity, through the individual efforts of its members, with the accounting and reporting principles and practices applied by the Fund in preparing its financial statements. Further, the Committee is to make, or cause to be made, all necessary inquiries of Board of Trustees and the independent auditor concerning established standards of conduct and performance, and deviations therefrom.
- (3) Review, prior to the annual audit, the scope and general extent of the independent auditor's planned examination, including their engagement letter. The auditor's fees are to be arranged with Board of Trustees and annually summarized for Committee review. The Committee's review should entail an understanding from the independent auditor of the factors considered by the auditor in determining the audit scope, including:
  - Risk characteristics of the Fund
  - External reporting requirements
  - Materiality of the various segments of the Fund's combined activities
  - Quality of internal accounting, administrative and compliance controls
  - Extent of internal auditor's involvement in audit examination
  - Other areas to be covered during the audit engagement
- (4) Review with Board of Trustees the extent of non-audit services planned to be provided by the independent auditor in relation to the objectivity and independence needed in the audit.
- (5) Review with Board of Trustees and the independent auditor instances where the Board of Trustees has obtained "second opinions" on accounting and financial reporting policies from other accountants.
- (6) Review with the Board of Trustees and the independent auditor, upon completion of their audit, financial results for the year prior to their release to the public. This review is to encompass:
  - The Fund's comprehensive annual financial report, including the financial statements and financial statement and supplemental disclosures required by GAAP and/or the State of New Jersey.
  - Significant transactions not a normal part of the Fund's operations.
  - Selection of and changes, if any, during the year in the Fund's accounting principles or their application.
  - Significant adjustments proposed by the independent auditor.
  - The process used by the Board of Trustees in formulating particularly sensitive accounting estimates and the independent auditor's conclusions regarding the reasonableness of those estimates.
  - Any disagreements between the independent auditor and Board of Trustees about matters that could be significant to the Fund's financial statements or the auditor's report.
  - Difficulties encountered in performance of the audit.

- (7) Evaluate the cooperation received by the independent auditor during their audit, including their access to all requested records, data and information. Also, elicit the comments of Board of Trustees regarding the responsiveness of the independent auditor to the Fund's needs. Inquire of the independent auditor whether there have been any disagreements with the Board of Trustees that, if not satisfactorily resolved, would have caused them to issue a nonstandard report on the Fund's financial statements.
- (8) Discuss with the independent auditor the quality of the Fund's financial and accounting personnel and any recommendations that the independent auditor may have. Topics to be considered during this discussion include improving internal financial controls, controls over compliance, the selection of accounting principles and the Board of Trustees' reporting systems.
- (9) Review written responses of the Board of Trustees to "letter of comments and recommendations" from the independent auditor and discuss with the Board of Trustees the status of implementation of prior period recommendations and corrective action plans.
- (10) Discuss with the Board of Trustees the scope and quality of internal accounting, administrative, compliance, and financial reporting controls in effect.
- (11) Perform additional duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees related to this Charter and the discharge of duties as assigned above.

## **Safety Committee Charter**

The Atlantic and Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) Board of Trustees hereby constitutes and establishes a Safety Committee:

### **Composition**

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chair at the annual reorganization meeting and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
2. The Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) members who shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and shall be chaired by a Fund Commissioner.
3. Also, serving on the Committee as necessary shall be the Fund Safety Coordinator and a representative from the Administrator's office.
4. Additionally, Risk Management Consultants may serve as deemed appropriate by the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Safety Committee.

### **Authority and Responsibility**

The Safety Committee is to serve as a focal point for communication on issues pertaining to safety between the ACCASBO JIF, the Executive Director/Administrator, the Safety Coordinator and member school districts. The function of the Committee is advisory in nature and is not intended to infringe upon the responsibility of the Safety Coordinator or employees of member school districts. The Safety Committee shall advise the Board of Trustees on safety policies, performance of school districts in terms of safety, and of the individual firms responsible for reporting on same. The Safety Committee shall also work with the Executive Director and the Safety Coordinator in attempting to identify services which may be provided by the JIF to member school districts in order to reduce the risks of accidents.

The Safety Committee of the ACCASBO JIF was established by charter approved by motion of the JIF's Board of Trustees on November 19, 1997. The Committee's operational guidelines are set down herein and may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

### **Meetings**

The Committee is to meet as many times per year as the Committee Chair deems necessary.

### **Attendance**

Members of the Committee should be present at all meetings. As necessary or desirable, the Chair may request that other Fund Commissioners, Fund Professionals or consultants attend to participate in discussions of particular issues.

A representative of the Administrator's and Safety Coordinator's office shall attend all meetings and shall serve as staff to the Safety Committee.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting are to be prepared and approved by the Committee members and provided to the Board of Trustees.

### **Specific Duties**

The Safety Committee is to:

- (1) Develop with the Executive Director and the Safety Coordinator on-going and annual safety programs which shall provide for the planning, organization, control and leadership of the JIF's directed safety efforts.
- (2) Identify and analyze loss exposures and claims information for the JIF as a whole and for individual members to determine where resources should be directed to reduce claims.
- (3) Examine alternative risk techniques to determine the most efficient method for reducing the risk of loss.
- (4) Recommend to the Board of Trustees any appropriate expenditure on programs or services which, in the opinion of the Committee, will likely result in long-term savings for the JIF.
- (5) Implement, monitor and evaluate all safety programs, services and vendors.
- (6) Recommend to the Board of Trustees the retention or replacement of safety vendors and provide a written summary of the basis of such recommendations.
- (7) Apprise the Board of Trustees, through minutes and special presentations as necessary, of significant developments in the course of performing the above duties.
- (8) Perform additional duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees related to this Charter and the discharge of duties as assigned above.

## **Strategic Planning Committee Charter**

The Atlantic and Cape May Counties School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) Board of Trustees hereby constitutes and establishes a Strategic Planning Committee. This Charter is intended to incorporate the intent of the Operations and Planning/Administrative Committee Charter established November 19, 1997.

### **Composition**

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Fund Chair at the annual reorganization meeting and shall serve at the pleasure of the Fund Chair.
2. The Committee shall be comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and the Chair of each standing committee.
3. Also serving on the Committee, as necessary, shall be a representative(s) from the Administrator's office.

### **Authority and Responsibility**

The Strategic Planning Committee is to serve as the focal point for communication between the Fund Commissioners and any other professionals on issues pertaining to long-range strategies, which should be pursued in order to ensure the integrity, growth, and viability of the JIF. The Strategic Planning Committee shall advise the Board of Trustees regarding long-term strategies and planning considerations.

The Strategic Planning Committee of the ACCASBO JIF was established by charter approved by motion of the JIF's Board of Trustees on September 17, 2003. The Committee's operational guidelines are set down herein and may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

### **Meetings**

The Committee should meet as many times per year as the Committee Chair deems necessary, at the discretion of the Chair.

### **Attendance**

Members of the Committee should be present at all meetings. As necessary or desirable, the Chair may request that other Fund Commissioners, Fund Professionals or consultants attend to participate in discussions of particular issues.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting are to be prepared and approved by the Committee members and provided to the Board of Trustees.

### **Specific Duties**

The Strategic Planning Committee is to:

1. Develop a plan for implementation of long-term strategies for the JIF.
2. Report to the Board of Trustees on the progress regarding selection and implementation of the plan and monitor strategy for implementation.
3. Identify long range planning issues, which need to be discussed, acted upon, and eventually implemented in order to ensure the viability, growth, and integrity of the JIF.
4. Review the collective organizational structure of the JIF and its servicing agents to assure that it represents a balance of values including flexibility, participation, efficiency, and effectiveness, which should be weighted in maintaining a healthy organizational structure.
5. Recommend to the Board of Trustees the retention or replacement of service providers, which may be retained to assist in developing or implementing strategic plans and provide a written summary of the basis for the recommendations.
6. Apprise the Board of Trustees, through minutes and special presentations as necessary, of significant developments in the course of performing the above duties.
7. Perform additional duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees related to this Charter and the discharge of duties as assigned above.

## **Claims Management Committee Charter**

The Atlantic & Cape May Counties Association of School Business Officials Joint Insurance Fund (ACCASBO JIF) Board of Trustees hereby constitutes and establishes a Claims Management Committee:

### **Composition**

1. Members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Chair and shall serve at the pleasure of the Chair.
2. A member of the Board of Trustees shall serve on the Committee.
3. Also, serving on the Committee as necessary shall be the Fund Attorney, the Fund Claims Administrator, a representative from the Managed Care Provider, and a representative from the Administrator's office.
4. Additionally, Risk Management Consultants may serve as deemed appropriate by the Board of Trustees Chair and Chair of the Committee.

### **Authority and Responsibility**

The Claims Management Committee is to serve as the focal point for communication between the Claims Administrator, Managed Care Provider, and the Board of Trustees. The Committee will review litigation, claims, treatment, providers, and payment strategies and at least once annually review a representative sampling of open claims with the Fund's Attorney, Claims Administrator, Managed Care Representative, and Administrator. The Committee shall advise the Board of Trustees regarding litigation strategies, claims administration, bill re-pricing, panel physicians, and payment procedures.

### **Claims Management Committee Charter Adoption**

The Litigation and Claims Review Committee of the ACCASBOJIF was established by charter and approved by motion of the Fund's Board of Trustees on November 20, 2002; revised November 19, 2014 and readopted on January 21, 2015. The Committee's operational guidelines are set down herein and may be amended by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

### **Meetings**

The Committee is to meet as many times per year as the Committee Chair deems necessary but at least twice a year.

### **Attendance**

Members of the Committee are to be present at all meetings. As necessary or desirable, the Chair may request that other Fund Commissioners, Fund Professionals or consultants attend to participate in discussions of particular issues.

A representative of the Administrator's office shall attend all meetings and shall serve as staff to the Committee.

### **Minutes**

Minutes of each meeting are to be prepared by the Administrator and approved by the Committee Chair before being provided to the Board of Trustees.

### **Specific Duties**

The Claims Management Committee is to:

1. Report to the Board of Trustees on the progress, issues and risk management lessons inherent to its review of litigated and open claims.
2. Report to the Board of Trustees on the process and strategy used by the Fund to authorize Payment Authorization Requests (PARs), including the amount of authority granted to the Claims Administrator, Fund Solicitor and/or Administrator for PARs presented during regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees and for PARs that require action between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Trustees.
3. Review annually and recommend amendments as needed to the Litigation Management Policy of the Fund to the Board of Trustees.

4. Review annually and recommend amendments as needed to applicable sections of the Plan of Risk Management to the Board of Trustees.
5. Identify long range claims administration issues which need to be discussed, acted upon, and eventually implemented in order to ensure the viability, growth, and integrity of the Fund.
6. Recommend to the Board of Trustees the retention or replacement of claims administration vendors and/or attorneys and provide a written summary of the basis of such recommendations.
7. Apprise the Board of Trustees, through minutes and special presentations as necessary, of significant developments in the course of performing the above duties.
8. Report to the Board of Trustees on the processes, issues and opportunities inherent to its review of managed care procedures.
9. Report to the Board of Trustees on the financial results of managed care procedures used by the Fund to manage disability within the workers' compensation claim stream, including the cost of managed care services, the cumulative reduction in original medical billing, and the value of reduced disability due to managed care efforts.
10. Evaluate the interrelationship between the Fund Managed Care Provider(s) and Fund Claims Administrator in order to define relationships and responsibilities.
11. Review annually and recommend amendments as needed to the Managed Care Procedures of the Fund.
12. Review annually and recommend amendments as needed to the Panel of Physicians appointed by the Fund to serve as primary care physicians to the Board of Trustees.
13. Identify long range managed care issues that need to be discussed, acted upon, and eventually implemented in order to ensure the viability, growth, and integrity of the Fund, such as integrated return to work strategies, development of functional job descriptions, post-offer and pre-employment physicals, specialty medical triage programs, on-location internet-based occupational nurse medical triage capabilities, internet based provider billing, on-line incident and claim reporting and panel physician training and education.
14. Recommend to the Board of Trustees the retention or replacement of the primary managed care vendor and ancillary vendors and provide a written summary of the basis of such recommendations.
15. Report at least annually to the Board of Trustees on the discharge of the above responsibilities.
16. Perform additional duties as assigned by the Board of Trustees related to this Charter and the discharge of duties as assigned above.