

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 24, 2019 – FINAL



TRUSTEE AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

Teleconference	Dennis Lawson, Chair – Central Pierce Fire and Rescue
Absent	Jason Granneman, Vice Chair – Clark County Sheriff's Office
Teleconference	Adé Ariwoola – City of Federal Way
Absent	Mark Johnston – Vancouver Fire Department
Teleconference	AJ Johnson – Snohomish County Fire District #1
Absent	Representative Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired)
Absent	Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int'l Airport Police Dept
Absent	Dwight Dively – King County
Absent	Pat McElligott – Pierce County Fire and Rescue
Absent	Senator Judy Warnick – WA State Senator
Absent	Representative Steve Bergquist – WA State Representative
In Attendance	Steve Nelsen – Executive Director
In Attendance	Tim Valencia – Deputy Director
In Attendance	Jessie Jackson – Executive Assistant
In Attendance	Jessica Burkhart – Administrative Services Manager
In Attendance	Tammy Harman – Benefits Ombudsman
In Attendance	Jacob White – Senior Research and Policy Manager
In Attendance	Ryan Frost – Senior Research and Policy Manager
In Attendance	Tor Jernudd – Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

The LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board met in the Washington State Investment conference room in Olympia, Washington on April 24, 2019.

Chair Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:31AM and requested those present to take a moment of silence to honor those who had fallen since the last the Board meeting. Deputy Justin DeRosier was killed in the line of duty on April 13, 2019.

1. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Executive Director Nelsen reviewed the following bills and their current status

LEOFF 2 Endorsed Bills:

SB 5355 LEOFF/PERS Eligibility Gap – Passed and signed by the Governor

HB 1408 Spousal Consent Requirement – Passed and signed by the Governor

Other Bills Of Interest:

HB 1909 Confidentiality of Insurance Claim Records – Passed and signed by the Governor

HB 1913 Presumption of Occupational Disease for Purposes of Workers' Compensation – Passed and will be signed today

HB 2144 Benefit Improvement Account Funding – Passed out of House, no action taken by Senate

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Another issue we are tracking in the legislature is a budget proviso that included funding for allowing tribal officers into LEOFF 2. We will be tracking this for potential interim work. Details of the proposed interim work plan will be reviewed at the May 15th meeting.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Director Nelsen gave his administrative update to the Board.

Agency Move:

The WSIB will be expanding their number of full time employees and have given our agency a verbal one year notice that we will need to move to a new location. Further communication will be taking place and updates will be provided at the May 15th meeting.

The following outreach activities have occurred since the last meeting and/or are upcoming in the next month:

- WSCFF Educational Seminar (April 16-18)
- Seattle Firefighters Local 27 Financial Wellness Seminar (May 2)
- Snohomish County Firefighters Benefits Fair (May 8)
- WACOPS Spring Membership Meeting (May 13-14)
- WASPC Spring Expo (May 21-22)

The Board received a Public Records Request from Philip Talmadge and we are in the process of responding to this request.

Board Term Appointments:

All the Legislative terms will end in December. Representative Bergquist has been reappointed. The Senate has not made their appointment yet. There are openings for Employer, Firefighter and Law Enforcement Officer that will end in June. We are communicating with Trustees who terms are ending. The Governor's office has informed us that Dwight Dively's seat is now considered vacant and we will work with counties to fill this occupancy.

The next meeting is May 15th and it will be the first full meeting of the interim. We have a draft work plan for the interim and the adoption of the work plan will occur at the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51AM.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for May 15, 2019 at the Washington State Investment Board located at 2100 Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, WA 98502.