

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 9, 2020 – FINAL



TRUSTEE AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

In Attendance	Dennis Lawson, Chair – Central Pierce Fire and Rescue
In Attendance	Jason Granneman, Vice Chair – Clark County Sheriff’s Office
In Attendance	Adé Ariwoola – City of Federal Way
In Attendance	Mark Johnston – Vancouver Fire Department
In Attendance	AJ Johnson – Snohomish County Fire District #1
In Attendance	Senator Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired)
In Attendance	Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int’l Airport Police Dept
Absent	Wolf Opitz – Pierce County
In Attendance	Pat McElligott – City of Dupont
In Attendance	Representative Steve Bergquist – WA State Representative
In Attendance	Senator Ann Rivers – WA State Senator
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 Sadler – Benefits Ombudsman
In Attendance	Jacob White – Senior Research and Policy Manager
In Attendance	Karen Durant – Senior Research and Policy Manager
In Attendance	Tor Jernudd – Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order

The LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board met remotely via Zoom in Olympia, Washington on November 9, 2020. A quorum of the members was present at this meeting.

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September and October 2020 meetings are before the Board for approval.

ACTION | It was moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from September 23, 2020. Motion seconded. The Board approved the minutes without objection.

ACTION | It was moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from October 21, 2020. Motion seconded. The Board approved the minutes without objection.

2. DRS Annual Update

Tracy Guerin, Executive Director of the Department of Retirement Systems presented an annual update to the Board.

3. Possible DRS Request Legislation

Shawn Merchant, Legislative and Stakeholder Relations Director of the Department of Retirement Systems discussed two possible legislative proposals with the Board, Shared Work Program and Furlough Salary/Service Credit protection.

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4. Interruptive Military Service

Jacob White, Senior Research and Policy Manager gave a comprehensive report to the Board on Interruptive Military Service credit reviewing the impact of expanding no-cost military service credit to those who have been awarded an expeditionary medal. Several options are before the Board for consideration.

ACTION	It was moved to defer the issue until the conclusion of the upcoming legislative session. Motion seconded. The Board approved without objection.
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5. EMT Study

Jacob White, Senior Research and Policy Manager gave a follow-up report to the Board on the King County EMT study. The 2020 budget included a proviso for the LEOFF 2 Board to complete a study to examine legal and fiscal implications of extending membership in the LEOFF 2 plan. The Board has been working with DRS and OSA to gather fiscal analysis as well as tax counsel from Ice Miller. The study is due to legislature in January 2021. No action was taken by the Board.

6. Benefit Improvement Account

Steve Nelsen, Executive Director gave an educational briefing to the Board on the benefit improvement account reviewing its purpose, pricing and funding history. A Benefit Improvement Account Information Center is now available as a resource on the leoff.wa.gov website.

7. 2021 Meeting Calendar

Proposed meeting dates for 2021 are before the Board for approval.

ACTION	It was moved to adopt the dates as presented with three changes of June 16, September 29, December 15. Motion seconded. The Board approved without objection.
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8. Administrative Update

Steve Nelsen, Executive Director gave an administrative update to the Board. The agency is still on track to move to the new office location in Tumwater in February 2021. A request was made by a member to give public testimony at the December meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting ended at 11:33AM. The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for December 16, 2020 and will be held virtually in Olympia, WA.