

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 23, 2022 – FINAL



TRUSTEE AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

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

Call to Order

The LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board met virtually via Zoom on February 23, 2022. A quorum of the members was present at this meeting.

Chair Dennis Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:30am and requested those present to take a moment of silence to honor those who had fallen since the last the Board meeting.

1. Legislative Update

Jacob White, Senior Research and Policy Manager gave a legislative update to the Board.

LEOFF 2 Bills

- Benefit Improvements to LEOFF 2 (SHB 1701 | SSB 5652)
- No-cost Interruptive Military Service Credit Eligibility (HB 1804 | SB 5726)
- Roth 457 Option (EHB 1752)

Other Bills of Interest

- Governor’s Proposed Supplemental Budget (HB 1816 | SB 5693)
- Benefit Improvements to LEOFF 1 (SSB 5791)

2. Administrative Update

Steve Nelsen, Executive Director gave an administrative update to the Board. There are two weeks left of the legislative session.

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Stakeholder Outreach – No events are scheduled between now and the March 23rd meeting. WSCFF will their have Educational Seminar in April, and staff will have a table to communicate with members answering questions, subject to COVID rules at that time.

Accountability Audit Update – The State Auditor’s Office will be present the results of the at the March 23rd meeting.

DRS Rulemaking – We are working with DRS on several administrative rules dealing with LEOFF.

The next meeting is March 23rd. We have been in communication with the Washington State Investment Board regarding the opening and use of their Boardroom. They have no plans to be open to the public yet so our March 23rd meeting will be virtual. We will have more information at the March meeting regarding the status of hybrid meetings moving forward.

March will be the first regular meeting of the year with a legislative session recap and the interim preview items for review.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for March 23, 2022 via Zoom in Olympia, WA 98502.