

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2023 – FINAL



TRUSTEE AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

In Attendance	Dennis Lawson, Chair – Central Pierce Fire and Rescue
Teleconference	Jason Granneman, Vice Chair – Clark County Sheriff’s Office
In Attendance	Mark Johnston – Vancouver Fire Department
Teleconference	AJ Johnson – Snohomish County Fire District #1
Absent	Senator Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired)
Teleconference	Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int’l Airport Police Dept
Absent	Wolf Opitz – Pierce County
Teleconference	Pat McElligott – East Pierce County Fire
Absent	Representative Steve Bergquist – WA State Representative
Absent	Senator Ann Rivers – WA State Senator
In Attendance	Jay Burney – City of Olympia
Teleconference	Steve Nelsen – Executive Director
In Attendance	Tim Valencia – Deputy Director
In Attendance	Jessie Jackson – Executive Assistant
Teleconference	Jessica Burkhart – Administrative Services Manager
Teleconference	Tammy Sadler – Benefits Ombudsman
In Attendance	Jacob White – Senior Research and Policy Manager
Teleconference	Sarah White – Benefits Ombudsman
In Attendance	Karen Durant – Senior Research: and Policy Manager
Teleconference	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 January 18, 2023. A quorum of the members was present at this meeting.

Employer Representative Pat McElligott called the meeting to order at 9:32AM and requested those present to take a moment of silence to honor those who had fallen since the last the Board meeting.

1. Annual Financial Audit Results

Laura Shackley, Assistant State Auditor from the Office of the State Auditor presented results from the annual financial audit. An unmodified opinion was issued, and no recommendations were made. Cavan Busch, SAO Program Manager and Michael Hutchinson, SAO Assistant Audit Manager joined Laura for the presentation.

2. Department of Retirement Systems Annual Update

Shawn Merchant, Legislative and Community Relations Director presented an annual update to the Board. An update on the LEOFF Benefit Enhancement Project was given. Active members can now use the online benefit estimator to include benefit enhancements. As of January 13th, the payments have started to go out to members and by the end of January annuities should start to be paid out.

3. Legislative Update

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

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LEOFF 2 Board Bill

- No-cost Interruptive Military Service Credit (HB 1007 | SB 5296) – Jacob White testified in front of House Appropriations on this bill Monday. The Senate version of the bill has not had a hearing yet.

Other Bills of Interest

- 2023-2035 Operating Budget (HB 1140 | SB 5187) – Released and had its first hearings. It fully funds LEOFF 2.
- Ensuring Promoted Fire Fighters Remain in LEOFF 2 (HB 1279)
- Concerning Flexible Work for General and Limited Authority Washington Peace Officers (HB 1413 | SB 5424)
- Recruitment and Retention of Law Enforcement Officers (HB 1380)
- Potential Bill – allowing Tribal Law Enforcement Officers to enter LEOFF 2

4. Administrative Update

Executive Director Steve Nelsen gave an administrative update to the Board.

There are two upcoming outreach activities that staff will be attending:

- The WSCFF Legislative Conference February 7-8
- WACOPS Winter Meeting Feb 8-10

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:18AM.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for February 22, 2023 at the Washington State Investment Board located at 2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW Suite 100 in Olympia, WA 98502.