

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2023 - 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	Mark Johnston – Vancouver Fire Department
In Attendance	AJ Johnson – Snohomish County Fire District #1
Teleconference	Senator Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired)
Teleconference	Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int’l Airport Police Dept
Teleconference	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
Teleconference	Jay Burney – City of Olympia
In Attendance	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
Teleconference	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 February 22, 2023. 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. Friday is the fiscal cutoff date for bills.

LEOFF 2 Board Bill

- No-cost Interruptive Military Service Credit (HB 1007 | SB 5296) – The House version has passed out of the House and has been referred to Senate Ways and Means. The Senate version has passed out of Ways and Means and is awaiting floor action in the Senate.

Other Bills of Interest

- Ensuring Promoted Fire Fighters Remain in LEOFF 2 (HB 1279) – Had a public hearing in Senate Ways and Means and is scheduled for Exec on Friday. No action taken in the House yet.
- Concerning Flexible Work for General and Limited Authority Washington Peace Officers (HB 1413 | SB 5424) – This would allow for part time general authority and part time limited authority law enforcement officers to be eligible for LEOFF 2. Senate version has been scheduled for a hearing today

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and is already scheduled for Exec session on Friday. An indeterminate fiscal note has been completed by the State Actuary’s Office. The House version passed out of the policy committee but has not been scheduled for action in Appropriations.

- Allowing Tribal Law Enforcement Officers to Join LEOFF 2 (HB 1481) – Has passed out of the fiscal committee and the House and has been referred to Senate Ways and Means.
- Creating an Ombudsman at DRS (SB 5625) – Received a public hearing in Ways and Means but has not been scheduled for executive action.
- Allowing Members Separated Due to Vaccination Mandate and Rehired to Purchase Service Credit (HB 1814) – Did not receive a hearing.
- 2023-2025 Operating Budget (HB 1140| SB 5187)

2. Administrative Update

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

Outreach
Activities

Both the WSCFF and WACOPS had their legislative conferences and Director Nelsen was invited to speak and answer questions.

FOP has a Legislative conference coming up and Director Nelsen may be giving an update but it is not confirmed yet.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40AM.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for March 29, 2023 at the Washington State Investment Board located at 2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98502.