

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2022 – 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
Teleconference	Senator Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired)
Teleconference	Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int’l Airport Police Dept
Teleconference	Wolf Opitz – Pierce County
In Attendance	Pat McElligott – East Pierce County Fire
In Attendance	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
Teleconference	Jessie Jackson – Executive Assistant
Teleconference	Jessica Burkhart – Administrative Services Manager
Teleconference	Tammy Sadler – Benefits Ombudsman
Teleconference	Jacob White – Senior Research and Policy Manager
In Attendance	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 November 16th, 2022. A quorum of the members was present at this meeting.

Chair Dennis 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.

1. Approval of Minutes

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

ACTION | It was moved to approve the Board meeting minutes from September 28th and October 19th, 2022. Motion was seconded. The Board approved the minutes without objection.

2. Washington State Investment Board Annual Update 2022

Allyson Tucker, Chief Executive Officer from the Washington State Investment Board gave an annual update to the Board.

3. Survivor Purchase of Service Credit for Authorized Leave of Absence - Comprehensive

Sarah White, Benefits Ombudsman gave a comprehensive presentation on survivor purchase of service credit for authorized leave of absence. Only members may purchase service credit for unpaid, authorized leaves of absence unless the member dies while performing uniformed service for the United States. Two options are before the Board for consideration:

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1. Propose legislation to allow survivors to purchase service credit on behalf of deceased members for unpaid ALOA
2. No action at this time.

ACTION | It was moved and seconded to adopt option 2 and take no action at this time. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Strategic Planning – SWOT Analysis Feedback

Tim Valencia, Deputy Director gave a follow up discussion to last month’s strategic survey discussion identifying strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. The themes of Communications, Relationships, Benefits and Operational Integrity were discussed with the Board.

Topics of succession planning, recruitment retention and salary setting structure were asked to be placed on the list for next year’s interim work plan.

Next steps: Have staff take information discussed today and suggest recommendations, actions, and pathways for the future.

5. 2023 Meeting Calendar Adoption

The proposed meeting dates for 2023 are before the Board for consideration.

ACTION | It was moved to adopt the calendar as presented. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Administrative Update

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

Outreach Activities – Tim Valencia, Deputy Director attended the Washington Fire Commissioners conference last month. Several board members attended the IFEBP and NCPERS Public Safety Conferences.

Representative Bergquist gave a presentation at the IFEBP conference on how to communicate with legislators.

The December meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Board is January 18. The presentations from the Department of Retirement Systems and State Auditor’s Office were moved to January.

7. Possible Executive Session

Dennis Lawson, Board Chair announced that the Board is convening in Executive Session to review the performance of a public employee. The Board will resume the open public regular board meeting at 12:10pm. No action was taken.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for January 18, 2023 at the Washington State Investment Board located at 2100 Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98502.