

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 24, 2024 - FINAL



TRUSTEE AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

Absent	Dennis Lawson, Chair – Central Pierce Fire and Rescue
Teleconference	Jason Granneman, Vice Chair – Clark County Sheriff’s Office
Teleconference	Mark Johnston – Vancouver Fire Department
Teleconference	AJ Johnson – Snohomish County Fire District #1
Absent	Senator Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired)
Absent	Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int’l Airport Police Dept
Teleconference	Wolf Opitz – Pierce County
Absent	Pat McElligott – East Pierce County Fire
Absent	Representative Steve Bergquist – WA State Representative
Teleconference	Darell Stidham – Spokane County Sheriff’s Office
Teleconference	Jay Burney – City of Olympia
In Attendance	Steve Nelsen – Executive Director
Absent	Tim Valencia – Deputy Director
In Attendance	Chloe Drawsby – Executive Assistant
In Attendance	Jessie Jackson – Administrative Services Manager
In Attendance	Tammy Sadler – Benefits Ombudsman
In Attendance	Jacob White – Senior Research and Policy Manager
Teleconference	Jessica Burkhart – Ombudsman Program Manager
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 24, 2024. A quorum of the members was present at this meeting.

Vice Chair, Jason Granneman called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. 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 updated the Board on the progress of Legislative Session. Mr. White reported that the Board has two Board endorsed bills, one supported bill, and three bills of interest to the LEOFF Plan 2. The two endorsed bills; concerning LEOFF 2 and employees of LEOFF 2 were heard in the Senate Ways and Means court on January 23, 2024 at 4 p.m. The Board supported bill; month of death benefits will be heard in Executive Session on January 25, 2024. As for the other bills of interest, there have been no scheduled hearings yet.

Board Endorsed Bills

- Concerning LEOFF Plan 2 (HB 2338/SB 6197)
- Employees of the LEOFF 2 Retirement Board (HB 2337/ SB 6198)

Board Supported Bills

- Month of Death Benefits (HB 2013)

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Other Bills of Interest

- Concerning Flexible Work Policies for Law Enforcement Officers and Participation in the LEOFF Retirement System Plan 2 (HB 2024 / SB 5424)
- Expanding Interruptive Military Service Credit (SB 6000)
- Establishing Law Enforcement Officer Retirement Medical Trust Plans (SB 6022)

2. Administrative Update

Steve Nelsen, Executive Director gave an administrative update to the Board. Director Nelsen gave a budget update and discussed upcoming Stakeholder outreach. Upcoming Stakeholder outreach include the Washington State Council of Firefighter's (WSCFF) Legislative Conference on February 15, 2024 and the Washington Council of Police and Sheriff's (WACOPS) Winter Member Meeting on February 14-16, 2024.

3. Public Comment

The LEOFF 2 Board welcomes public comment in advance of all meetings and has posted instructions on its website for the submission of written comments. There were no public comments to report on at today's board meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for February 28, 2024 at the Washington State Investment Board located at 2100 Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, WA 98502.