



City of Longview

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LEOFF-1 Disability Board

Minutes

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

8:30 AM

2nd Floor, City Hall,
Small Conference Room

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1 **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Wallis called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Don Barnd, Police Retiree Representative

Jim Morkert, Fire Retiree Representative

MaryAlice Wallis, City Council Representative (on-line)

Erik Halvorson, City Council Representative (on-line)

Absent/Excused: Chet Makinster, Member-at-Large

Also Present: Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary

Dana Beck, Human Resources Specialist

3 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-001200 May 28, 2025 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Member Barnd, seconded by Member Morkert to approve the May 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6 **MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS**

25-00601 Request approval of Prescription Sunglasses - \$625.00

Per the Rules and Regulations for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters, the Board will automatically pay charges associated with normal corrective eyewear, consisting of normal lenses and frames (\$100 limit per year on frames, or \$200 every two years) or contact lenses. Optical payments will be limited to one examination and one pair of glasses and/or contact lenses each twelve (12) month period unless deemed necessary due to a change in a member's vision requiring a change in the prescription.

LEOFF-1 Member submitted the "Reasonable and Medically Necessary Services" form from their doctor for prescription sunglasses.

A motion was made by Member Morkert, seconded by Chair Wallis to approve the medical reimbursement request as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

25-00602 Request approval of non-covered medication - \$354.00 per month

The Rules and Regulations for Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters, establishes uniform methods for the administration of necessary medical service benefits to eligible members. The burden shall be on the member to justify medical expenses. A member who has selected health and/or medical insurance through the City of Longview, the premiums for which are paid by the City of Longview, shall be required to fully utilize the services, coverages and facilities made available through such selected health and/or medical insurance.

LEOFF-1 Member requested reimbursement for Zepbound. The medication is not on Kaiser's approved formulary and may not be regularly stocked in their clinic pharmacies. Non-formulary Exception Code: Patient Request (patient may pay full price).

Completion of the "Reasonable and Medically Necessary Services" form by the physician recommending treatment is required for the Board to consider reimbursement requests for services not covered by insurance. The retiree is responsible for submitting the form to the Board with a completed claim form, invoice or estimate, explanation of benefits from insurance and proof of payment. Procedures that are purely cosmetic and not medically necessary are not eligible for reimbursement.

A motion was made by Member Barnd, seconded by Member Morkert, requiring the appropriate paperwork to be submitted before making a determination. It was unclear in the request if the medication was medically necessary, if all formulary alternatives would not be as effective or would have adverse effects. The motion carried unanimously.

7 APPROVAL OF BILLS

25-00524 June 2025 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$8,440.00

A motion was made by Member Morkert, seconded by Member Barnd to approve the bills as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

25-00525 June 2025 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$15,664.08

A motion was made by Member Barnd, seconded by Member Morkert to approve the bills as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary in the amount of \$15,664.08 which reflects a decrease of \$820.90 as originally presented pending submittal of appropriate paperwork and Board approval. The motion carried unanimously.

8 NEW BUSINESS

9 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair Wallis adjourned the meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the LEOFF-1 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

MaryAlice Wallis, Chair

Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary