



City of Longview

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LEOFF-1 Disability Board

Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

8:30 AM

2nd Floor, City Hall,
Small Conference Room

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1 **CALL TO ORDER**

City Council Representative and LEOFF-1 Board Chair Wallis did not seek re-election. Vice-Chair Halvorson automatically became the Chair.

Chair Halvorson was excused from the meeting and Alternate City Council Representative LaFave assumed the duties of Chair and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Don Barnd, Police Retiree Representative

Jim Morkert, Fire Retiree Representative

Chet Makinster, Member-at-Large

Kalei LaFave, City Council Alternate Representative

Absent/Excused: Erik Halvorson, City Council Representative

Also Present: Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary

Dana Beck, Human Resources Specialist

3 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-001080 December 3, 2025 Special Meeting

A motion was made by Member Makinster, seconded by Member Barnd, to approve the minutes of December 3, 2025 Special Meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

6 MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS

26-0066 Request Pre-Approval of Hearing Aid Expenses - Total \$6,230.00

A motion was made by Member Morkert, seconded by Member Makinster, to approve the request for pre-approval of hearing aid expenses in the total amount of 6,230. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0067 Request Pre-Approval of Prescription Sunglasses - Total \$172.98

The Board discussed the request for reimbursement of prescription sunglasses.

A motion was made by Member Makinster, seconded by Member Barnd, to approve the request for pre-approval of prescription sunglasses for a total of \$172.98. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0068 Request for 2024 and 2025 MediCare Premiums - Total \$358.80

The Board discussed the request for 2024 and 2025 MediCare Premiums. LEOFF-1 members must forward their annual Social Security notice that states their Medicare premium to the city. The city sends yearly reminders. Per LEOFF-1 Policy, medical claims of a member shall be submitted to the Board within one year (365 days) following the original billing for services. Claims submitted after that period of time will be denied except for medical incapacity or death.

A motion was made by Member Barnd, seconded by Member Morkert to approve the request for 2025 MediCare Premiums only for a total amount of \$241.20 per policy. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0069 Request Approval of Life Line Screening Costs - Total \$178.00

The Board discussed the request for reimbursement of Life Line Screening costs. LEOFF-1 members must first present the claim to the appropriate insurance carrier and thereafter make claim to the Board for those costs which are not paid by the insurance company. This screening is preventive healthcare, which is key to staying healthy and detecting problems early on, before they cause other issues or become harder to treat.

A motion was made by Member Barnd, seconded by Member Morkert, to approve the request of Life Line Screening costs for a total of \$178. The motion carried unanimously.

7 APPROVAL OF BILLS

**25-001081 December 2025 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$10,889.10
January 2026 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$9,962.50**

The Board unanimously approved the December 2025 and January 2026 Medicare B bills as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary.

**25-001082 December 2025 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$10,627.81
January 2026 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$13,382.48**

The Board unanimously approved the December 2025 and January 2026 Medical Bills bills as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary.

8 NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed the policy for vision. Claims for eye examinations, glasses or contact lenses, will be allowed only when prescribed by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist. 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. Any expense in excess of these limits requires prior Board approval. The average of median cost allowed for frames will be determined by periodic surveys of Cowlitz County optometrists by the Board and shall not be reduced by the contributions by other insurance carriers. 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. Different frames accommodate different lenses. Too many variables to outline a high and low range for glasses.

Board members noted it is difficult to find a new local physician that accepts Humana.

The spreadsheet for Regular Medical Bills will stay with columns for Dental and Regular. No need for a separate column for Optical.

9 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chair LaFave adjourned the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the LEOFF-1 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Kalei LaFave, Chair

Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary