



City of Longview

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LEOFF-1 Disability Board

Minutes

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

8:30 AM

2nd Floor, City Hall,
Small Conference Room

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1 **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2 **ROLL CALL**

Present: Don Barnd, Police Retiree Representative

Jim Morkert, Fire Retiree Representative

Chris Bryant, City Council Representative

Absent/Excused: Wayne Nichols, City Council Representative

Chet Makinster, Member-at-Large

Also Present: Dana Beck, Human Resources Specialist

James Goodman, Senior Assistant City Attorney

Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary

3 **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

4 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

5 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

26-00474 May 27, 2026 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Member Morkert, seconded by Member Barnd, to approve the May 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

6 **MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT REQUESTS**

7 APPROVAL OF BILLS

A motion was made by Member Morkert, seconded by Member Barnd, to approve the June 2026 Medicare B Reimbursement and June 2026 Medical Bills (regular) as presented, reasonable, and medically necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

26-00475 June 2026 Medicare B Reimbursement - Total \$10,214.40

26-00476 June 2026 Medical Bills (Regular) - Total \$13,573.67

8 CONTINUED BUSINESS

26-00477 Update on E2SHB 2034 - Restated Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Association of Washington Cities., (2026 May 15). Select Committee on Pension Policy begins studying LEOFF 1 medical costs for cities.
<https://www.wacities.org/advocacy/News/advocacy-news/2026/05/15/plan-to-sweep--3.3-billion-surplus-from-firefighter-and-police-pensions-revived>

The Board discussed the new legislation. A federal lawsuit filed by retirees is attempting to block the changes to the Law Enforcement Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 1 (LEOFF 1) before they go into effect. This federal case challenges the state's plan to transfer over \$3 billion in surplus funds from LEOFF 1 to a new restated plan funded at 110% and to other state accounts. The federal suit argues that the state lacks legal standing to redirect these pension funds to address budget shortfalls, claiming the changes impair vested contractual rights protected under Washington law.

The Select Committee on Pension Policy (SCPP) has started its work on producing a study of LEOFF 1 medical costs incurred by cities. This work is being done as the Legislature explores transferring local retiree medical benefit obligations to the state.

The local impact of this will be determined over time.

9 NEW BUSINESS

26-00523 Information Only - Rate Preview for Delta Dental of Washington Plan for LEOFF-1 Retirees effective September 2026

This is notification only that the 2026 dental plan renewal from Delta Dental is a 4.7% increase from last year. The Board discussed the increase.

10 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Bryant adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the LEOFF-1 Board is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Chris Bryant, Vice Chair

Tiffany Ostreim, Board Secretary