

**Michael Alvarez, Chairman**  
*Commissioner Representative*

**Scott Hamilton**  
*Member at Large Representative*

**Don Smith**  
*Second Law Enforcement Representative*



**Gary Vegar**  
*Mayors' Representative*

**Paul Hart, Pro Tem**  
*Law Enforcement Representative*

**Marilu Flores**  
*Secretary*

## Law Enforcement Officers' and Fire Fighters' Disability Board

### ~ LEOFF I Meeting Minutes for February 7, 2024 ~

The LEOFF 1 Disability Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the Courthouse in Prosser, Washington. Present were Scott Hamilton, Member at Large Representative; Don Smith, Second Law Enforcement Representative; Paul Hart, Law Enforcement Representative, Marilu Flores, Board Secretary and City of Prosser Mayor Gary Vegar. Not present was Chairman Michael Alvarez, Benton County Representative.

Chairman Pro-Tem Paul Hart, Law Enforcement Representative, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

### ***Approval of Minutes***

**MOTION:** Scott Hamilton moved to approve the meeting minutes of October 4, 2023. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### ***Executive Session – Medical Claims***

***THE BOARD WENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO REVIEW MEDICAL CLAIMS SUBMITTED AT 2:01 PM. THE BOARD CAME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.***

**MOTION:** Scott Hamilton moved to approve the claims as presented. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

### ***Hearings***

There were no hearings to discuss.

### ***New Business***

There was discussion on the appointment of the Mayor's Representative since there was a vacancy for that position at the end of 2023. City of Prosser Gary Vegar was present and indicated his willingness to serve as the Mayors' Representative.

**MOTION:** Scott Hamilton moved to approve Gary Vegar as the Mayors' Representative on the LEOFF Board. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

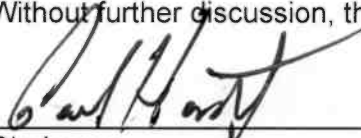
Discussion: There was a brief presentation by the Board for Mr. Vegar on the LEOFF I Board's function and the duties of the respective Cities for paying invoices for its members.

There was discussion on whether the dental/vision allowable was sufficient. Mr. Hamilton indicated that perhaps it is a good time to increase the allowable amount from \$1,000 to \$1,500 as a combined total for dental and vision. The Board decided to wait and address this matter with Chairman Michael Alvarez at the next LEOFF meeting.

There was a roundtable discussion regarding attendance at this year's WSLEA Conference being held in May. Paul Hart, Don Smith and Marilu Flores indicated their anticipated attendance at the meeting with Mayor Vegar looking at the possibility of attending. Ms. Flores was going to reach out to the conference organizers for conference information.

It was announced that the next meeting would occur on April 3, 2024.

Without further discussion, the board adjourned at 2:43 PM.

  
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Chairman

  
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Clerk to the Board