

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 April 3, 2024 ~

The LEOFF 1 Disability Board met in regular session on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at the Courthouse in Prosser, Washington. Present were Chairman Michael Alvarez, Benton County Representative; 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.

Chairman Alvarez called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

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

**MOTION:** Don Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 7, 2024. Scott Hamilton 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 AT 2:06 PM. NO DECISIONS WERE MADE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.***

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

### ***Hearings***

There were no hearings to discuss.

### ***Old Business***

The Board discussed whether the dental/vision allowable amount was sufficient or whether a new increase amount should be done. Currently, there is a cap allowed for dental/vision expenses in the amount of \$1,000. The Board also addressed the fact there were fewer members receiving LEOFF I benefits and indicated it would be ideal to increase the dental/vision allowable benefit by \$500.

**MOTION:** Paul Hart moved to approve a yearly increase of \$500 for dental/vision benefits for members for an overall limit of \$1,500. Don Smith seconded and upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: The Board asked the Clerk to look into updating the LEOFF I policy to reflect this change.

The Board discussed the upcoming LEOFF I Conference scheduled for May 7 – 10, 2024 in Chelan, WA. Attendee confirmation included Paul Hart, Don Smith, Commissioner Alvarez and Marilu Flores. Hotel accommodations have been made and Ms. Flores will be finishing up conference registration as well as preparing member meal reimbursements prior to the conference.

### ***New Business***

The Board received and reviewed the LEOFF I budget. With 9 months remaining in this budget cycle, there appears to be sufficient funds for 2024 expenditures. Ms. Flores indicated that the budget cycle for the next biennium (2025/2026) has begun and she would be preparing the LEOFF budget accordingly. During the fall, budget preparation updates will be given to the Board.

Commissioner Alvarez thanked the Board for their attendance and welcomed any further input from them.

Without further discussion, the board adjourned at 2:25 PM.

  
Chairman

  
Clerk to the Board