

City of Auburn Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Board

Tuesday, October 6, 2015 - 10:00 AM – Council Conference Room

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jim Kelly called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Conference Room located on the first floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street in Auburn. Members present included Chair Kelly, Chair Pro Tem Bill Petersen, Member Yolanda Trout, and Member-at-large Kurt Vogel. Member Claude DaCorsi arrived at 10:04 a.m. Also present were Board Attorney Neil Wachter and Board Secretary Danielle Daskam.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

Claims from Edward Sluys and Loren Anderson were added to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the September 1, 2015 LEOFF Board Meeting
Motion by Member Vogel, second by Member Trout to approve the minutes as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Pending Disability Leave/Retirement Applications
There was no pending disability leave/retirement application.
- B. Pending Medical/Hearing/Vision Dental Claims
1. Sam Mulkey
Request for pre-authorization for purchase hearing aids, from other than the Board preferred provider, in the amount of \$3,400.00.

On September 1, 2015, the Board tabled Mr. Mulkey's claim pending the receipt of a quote from the Board's preferred provider, Costco Hearing Aid Center, and information on the nearest Costco Hearing Aid Center to Yuma, Arizona.

The Board members reviewed a quote from the Costco Hearing Aid Center for comparable hearing aids in the amount of \$1,799.99 per hearing aid. The Board also reviewed a list of Costco Hearing Aids Centers in the vicinity of Mr. Mulkey's address. The nearest Costco Hearing Aid Center is over 127 miles from Mr. Mulkey's home.

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(Member DaCorsi arrived at this time.)

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve reimbursement for hearing aids in an amount not to exceed \$3,400.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Disability Leave/Retirement Applications

No application for disability leave/retirement was received.

B. Appeals/Requests for Reconsideration

No request for reconsideration was received.

C. Medical/Hearing/Vision/Dental Claims

1. Theodore Lindback

Request for reimbursement for dental expenses in the amount of \$208.05 for services received on September 15, 2015.

THEODORE LINDBACK		
2015	\$1,200.00	BALANCE
		\$1,200.00
LEOFF BOARD DATE		
April 7, 2015	\$428.45	\$771.55

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim in the amount of \$208.05.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

2. Stephen Bourdage, Sr.

Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$219.97 for lenses and frames and \$73.72 for contacts for services received on July 8, 2015. Mr. Bourdage has not received vision expense reimbursement in the past year.

Motion by Member Trout, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim as submitted.

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During discussion, it was questioned whether Section 9.02 of the LEOFF Board Policies and Procedures limits the member to reimbursement for eyeglasses/frames or contacts.

Board Attorney Wachter noted Section 9.02's schedule for vision reimbursement was not clear and could be interpreted so that a member could be reimbursed up to \$270.00 for corrective lenses and frames and up to \$250.00 for contact lenses in a 12-month period. Attorney Wachter offered to perform additional research on the matter.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

3. Richard Schneider

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$149.15 for services received on September 22, 2015. Mr. Schneider has not received dental expense reimbursement in 2015.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member DaCorsi to approve the claim in the amount of \$149.15.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

4. Robert Wigley

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$340.00 for services received on September 22, 2015.

ROBERT WIGLEY 2015	\$1,200.00	BALANCE
		\$1,200.00
April 7, 2015	\$160.00	\$1,040.00

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$340.00.

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5. Bruce Caldwell

- a. Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$27.00 for services received on August 26, 2015. Mr. Caldwell's dental expenses were previously determined by the Board to be medically necessary.

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- b. Request for reimbursement of medical equipment in the amount of \$40.00 and received on September 2, 2015.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Trout to approve the claim in the amount of \$40.00.

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- c. Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$234.98 for services received on August 1, 2015. Mr. Caldwell has not received vision expense reimbursement in the past year.

Motion by Member Trout, second by Member DaCorsi to approve the claim in the amount of \$234.98.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

- 6. Roger Lee
Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$205.00 for services received on August 31, 2015. Mr. Lee's dental expenses were previously determined by the Board to be medically necessary.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$205.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

- 7. Monroe Shropshire

- a. Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$358.00 for services received on September 17, 2015. Mr. Shropshire has not received vision expense reimbursement in the past year.

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Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member DaCorsi to approve the claim in the amount of \$270.00, the policy limit on corrective lenses and frames.

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- b. Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$163.40 for services received on August 31, 2015. Mr. Shropshire's dental expenses were previously determined by the Board to be medically necessary.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Trout to approve the claim in the amount of \$163.40.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

8. Russ Vandver

- a. Request for reimbursement of acupuncture expenses in the amount of \$600.00 for services received October 6, 2014; April 2 and 15, 2015; May 7 and 13, 2015; and July 2, 2015.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$600.00.

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- b. Request for reimbursement of medical expenses in the amount of \$277.00 for services received on July 7 and August 4, 2015.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member DaCorsi to approve the claim in the amount of \$277.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

9. Doris Darough

- a. Request for reimbursement of long term/home health care costs in the amount of \$8,940.00 (30 days @ \$298.00/day) for the month of September 2015.

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Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$8,940.00 for the month of September 2015.

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- b. Request for reimbursement of Medicare Part B premiums for the years 2000 through 2010.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$9,482.10 for Medicare Part B premiums for the years 2000 through 2010.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

10. William Petersen

Request for pre-authorization to purchase hearing aids from the Board preferred provider, Costco Hearing Aid Center.

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Member Trout to approve Mr. Petersen's request and authorize the purchase of hearing aids from the Board preferred provider, Costco Hearing Aid Center.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 4-0 Chair Pro Tem Petersen abstained.

11. Edward Sluys

Request for reimbursement of long-term care/home health care expenses for part of the month of August 2015 (11 days) and part of the month of September 2015 (12 days) in the total amount of \$3,113.75. The current daily benefit rate for Penn Treaty is \$221.00 per day.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$3,113.75.

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12. Loren Anderson

- a. Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$724.85 for services received on September 30,

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2015. Mr. Anderson has not received dental reimbursement in 2015.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to approve the claim in the amount of \$724.85.

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- b. Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$76.60 for services received on June 10, 2015. Mr. Anderson has not received vision expense reimbursement in the past year.

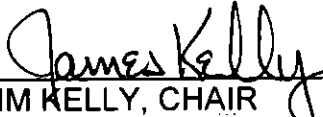
Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member DaCorsi to approve the claim in the amount of \$76.60.

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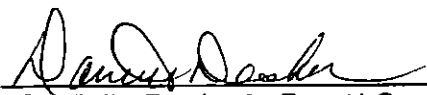
VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

APPROVED this 3rd day of November, 2015.



JIM KELLY, CHAIR



Danielle Daskam, Board Secretary