

City of Auburn Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters Disability Board

Tuesday, March 3, 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, Member Claude DaCorsi, and Member-at-large Kurt Vogel. Also present were Board Attorney Neil Wachter and Board Secretary Danielle Daskam.

II. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A claim from Doris Darough was added to the agenda.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes of the February 3, 2015 LEOFF Board Meeting
Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the minutes as distributed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Pending Disability Leave/Retirement Applications
There was no pending disability leave/retirement application.
- B. Pending Medical/Hearing/Vision Dental Claims
There was no pending claim.

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.

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C. Medical/Hearing/Vision/Dental Claims

1. Rudy Peden

- a. Request for reimbursement of medical expenses in the amount of \$525.52 for services received on January 2, 2015
- b. Request for reimbursement of medical expenses in the amount of \$120.00 for services received October 20 and December 3, 2014.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Vogel to table both claims pending the receipt of the insurance explanation of benefits statements.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

2. Ed Henderson

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$598.50 for services received on January 14, 2015. Mr. Henderson's dental expenses were previously found to be medically necessary.

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim in the amount of \$598.50.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

3. John Baker

Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$578.95 for services received on February 5, 2015. Mr. Baker has not received vision expense reimbursement in the past year.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Trout to approve up the policy annual maximum of \$270.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

4. Terry M. Dunbar

Request for reimbursement of dental expenses in the amount of \$1,379.00 for services received on January 12, 27, and February 3, 2015. Mr. Dunbar has not received dental reimbursement in 2015.

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Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member Trout to approve the claim in the amount of \$1,200.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

5. David Jarger

- a. Request for reimbursement of vision expenses in the amount of \$305.00 for services received on February 4, 2015.

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve payment of policy annual maximum of \$270.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

- b. Request for pre-authorization for purchase and reimbursement of lift chair in the amount of \$2,174.88 less amount paid by insurance, if any.

Motion by Chair Pro Tem Petersen, second by Member DaCorsi to approve pre-authorization for purchase and reimbursement of a lift chair less any Medicare or insurance payments.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

6. Doris Darough

Request for reimbursement of long term care costs for the month of February 2015 in the amount of \$7,952.00 (28 days @ \$284.00 per day).

Motion by Member Vogel, second by Chair Pro Tem Petersen to approve the claim in the amount of \$7,952.00.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. 5-0

D. Other Discussion

1. Medicare Part D

Chair Pro Tem Petersen explained that Medicare eligible retirees with a current Modified Adjusted Gross Income over \$85,000 (individual) or \$170,000 (married filing jointly) have to pay an additional premium for both Medicare Part B and Medicare Part D.

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Earlier Board action has authorized reimbursement of Medicare Part B premiums upon submission of a claim and approval by a LEOFF Board representative.

So far, two LEOFF 1 retirees have been affected by the new Medicare Modified Adjust Gross Income threshold and are paying Medicare Part D premiums. If or when the retiree's income level falls below the income threshold, the requirement for payment of additional Medicare premiums by the retiree should be eliminated.

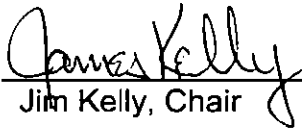
Policy 8.02(F) relates to annual Medicare premium reimbursement as does Policy 9.01(I). Chair Pro Tem Petersen recommended the Board eliminate reference to any particular Medicare plan and leave the reference "Medicare premium(s)."

Chair Kelly requested a LEOFF Policy and Procedure amendment and the two claims from the affected retirees be placed on the next LEOFF Board agenda for consideration.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

APPROVED this 7th day of April, 2015.


Jim Kelly, Chair


Danielle Daskam, Board Secretary