

**Spokane Firefighters' Pension Board
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2023**

Board Members Present: Michael Cathcart (chair), Dan Brown, Clive Jones, Betsy Wilkerson

Absent: Terri Pfister

Staff Present: Kristine Redmond, Christine Shisler, Phillip Tencick

Visitors Present: Paul Belles (Alliant)

CLOSED SESSION

The regular meeting of the Spokane Firefighters' Pension Board was called to order at 9:01 a.m. and immediately went into Closed Session with appropriate representatives and staff present, to discuss submitted medical claims.

The Closed Session adjourned at 9:04 a.m. and the Board immediately reconvened into Open Session.

OPEN SESSION

Claims

Hearing Aids \$5,500

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the reimbursement of \$5,500 for hearing aids. The motion passed unanimously. (09985)

Long-term Care Census

The census was in the packet for review.

Minutes

Betsy Wilkerson moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2022 meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Expenditure Summary Reports

Clive Jones moved and Betsy Wilkerson seconded the motion to approve the October and November 2022 expenditure summary reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule of Investments

The October and November 2022 Schedule of Investments was in the packets for review.

Medical and Dental Claims and Experience Reports

Paul Belles presented the medical and dental claims and experience reports.

Death of Pensioners

James J. Walsh, Battalion Chief, died November 13, 2022 at age 82. Retired January 16, 1996.

Alan W. Collinson, Fire Equipment Operator, died December 2, 2022 at age 78. Retired November 3, 1988.

Other Board Business

Election

Clive Jones ran unopposed and was re-elected.

Term: January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024

Dental Benefits and Gender Affirming Care

Betsy Wilkerson moved and Clive Jones seconded the motion to increase annual dental benefits from \$2,000 to \$3,000 effective January 1, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Clive Jones moved and Dan Brown seconded the motion to add Gender Affirming Care as an offered benefit to the City of Spokane LEOFF I Firefighter Pensioners. The motion passed unanimously.

Phillip Tencick informed the Board that this was his last meeting as he will be leaving employment with the City effective January 20, 2023. The Board thanked him for his service.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Approved by the Spokane Firefighters' Pension Board on March 1, 2023.

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Christine Shisler,
Interim Retirement Director

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Terri Pfister,
Secretary and City Clerk