

**Spokane Police Relief & Pension Board
Meeting Minutes
July 3, 2015**

Council President and Board Chair Ben Stuckart called the regular meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the 5th Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Board Members Present: Ben Stuckart (Chair), Dave Anderson, Mark Grumbly and Paul Meissner

Board Members Absent: Mike Fagan, Gavin Cooley, and Terri Pfister

Staff Present: Kristine Redmond, Phillip Tencick

Visitors Present: Dr. Leonard Vanderbosch

Session A – Executive Session

The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:30 p.m., with only appropriate representatives and staff present.

Disability Reports

April 25, 2015 – June 22, 2015

Claims

1. Ratification of Email Vote relating to Pensioner's Request for Assisted Living, \$1,925.91
2. Pensioner's Request for Payment of Assisted Surgeon on Eye Surgery, \$1,195

Other

Executive Session adjourned at approximately 1:45 p.m. and the Board immediately moved into Open Session.

Session B – Open Session

Disability Reports for October 29, 2014 – February 20, 2015

Paul Meissner moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve the Disability Reports for April 25, 2015 – June 22, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Claims

Ratification of Email Vote Relating to Pensioner's Request for Assisted Living, \$1,925.91.

Dave Anderson moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to reaffirm (and thereby ratify) the email vote taken on July 21, 2015. The motion passed unanimously.

Pensioner's Request for Payment of Assisted Surgeon on Eye Surgery, \$1,195
Ben Stuckart suggested the motion be that the Board approve it but that it be communicated to pensioners at the end of the year that anything that is not currently covered (in the Summary Plan Description) must come before the Board for pre-approval; and Ben Stuckart and Paul Meissner suggested that a reminder letter, along with the payment, be sent to the pensioner so he understands that pre-approval should be obtained first. Paul Meissner moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to do as discussed. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes – May 14, 2015

Kris Redmond distributed a corrected copy of the May 14, 2015, minutes to replace the version in the Board packets. The previous minutes incorrectly referenced "Arizona" and it was corrected to read "Nevada" ("Reno Integrative Medical Center in Nevada"). Mark Grumbly moved and Dave Anderson seconded the motion to approve the amended May 14, 2015, minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expense & Medical Bills

Following commentary, Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to approve the confirmation of Pension Roll, Administration Expenses & Medical Bills from April 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Medical and Dental Claims and Experience Reports

A copy was provided in the Board's packets on the overview of the medical and dental claims reports (actual to budget) from April 1, 2015 – May 31, 2015 and (Premera) experience reports. Dave Anderson moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to approve the reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Rule – Adoption Rule 2, Section 5 Hearing Aids.

Kris Redmond presented a proposed rule change to the Board's Rule on Hearing Aids as suggested by Bob Strike and Bob Belles of Moloney and O'Neill. The proposal would change Section 5.A.1 regarding "Hearing Aids" to read: "Digital aids shall be provided according to the current third party administrator as outlined in the Summary Plan Description. Ben Stuckart suggested doing the same as was done in Fire Pension Board this morning, and that is to add a section for cleaning at L&I rates. Dave Anderson moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to adopt the new Section 5.A.1 for the Hearing Aids Rule to read as follows: "Digital aids shall be provided according to the current third party administrator as outlined in the Summary Plan Description" and replace "E" with "cleaning at L&I rates" and change the current "E" to "F." The motion passed unanimously.

Claim Payment Policy

Ben Stuckart commented on the Retirement Director's fiduciary responsibility as administrator of the funds. He further commented on some of the hiccups that have occurred (with payment of claims) and presented a framework that he believes will work going forward. He explained that if the Board authorizes payment but the Retirement Director sees holes in what is being brought forward to him by the (benefits) administrator for payment, instead of trying to figure it out in the meantime and having delays, the Retirement Director can pay it but he also comes back to the Board every two months and says this is where he sees policy holes; and then the Board can pass new policies. Mr. Stuckart suggested the motion read that "If staff of the Police LEOFF I Board turns in a claim and staff has knowledge that Premera will reject it, the (benefits) administrator has the Board's approval for payment and receipt of payment is sufficient." He noted this is with the understanding that the Board will be doing its work to clean up the Board Rules so we don't have hiccups going forward. Board and staff discussion ensued. Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion as presented by Ben Stuckart. The motion carried unanimously.

Rule Committee

A Board Rules Committee is being created to review and update the Board Rules. Dave Anderson and Mark Grumbly will sit on the Rules Committee.

Toric Lens Benefits

Kris Redmond noted Fire Pension Board has added Toric Lens as a benefit to its Summary Plan Description. It was discussed to add the same benefit to the Police Pension Board's Summary Plan Description. Kris Redmond indicated the benefit would take effect January 1, 2016. Mark Grumbly moved and Paul Meissner seconded the motion to add Toric Lens as a benefit to the Summary Plan Description. The motion passed unanimously. Dave Anderson requested that any claims that come in before the effective date that the Board could take an email vote on any such requests and then reaffirm them at the following meeting.

Death of Police Pensioner

None

Death of Police Pensioner's Widow

None

Other Board Business

Ratification of June 16 Email Vote on July COLA

Prior to June 30 of each year, the Board must approve the July COLA amount for those pensioners not receiving wage increases based on current salary. The CPI index for Seattle-Tacoma-Bremerton is used. For 2015, that index provides for 1.9% increase. This is less than the 2% increase that is guaranteed by RCW 41.26.250. Staff is requesting the Board approve a 2% increase for July 2015 COLA (and

thereby ratify its previous vote by email). The email vote reflected four Boards Members voting in favor of the increase and no response received from two members. Dave Anderson moved and Mark Grumbly seconded the motion to ratify the email vote on the July COLA. Motion carried unanimously.

J.E. Fischnaller Legal Opinion

A copy of a legal opinion relating to payment of medical claims from the Board's Attorney, J.E. Fischnaller, was distributed at the Board meeting for review.

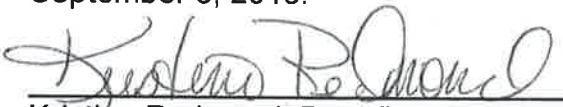
Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 3, 2015.

Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Approved by the Spokane Police Relief and Pension Board during its Meeting on September 3, 2015.



Kristine Redmond, Benefits Specialist



Terri Pfister, Secretary and City Clerk