

LEOFF I Disability Board

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5:00 PM

Room 112

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

 Present:
 5 - Chair Jim Cooper, Vice Chair Jessica Bateman, Boardmember Jack

 Seward, Boardmember Russ Gies and Boardmember Jody Ramey

2. OTHERS PRESENT

HR Director Linnaea Jablonski Personnel Analyst Carl Watts Benefits Analyst Debbi Hufana

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A <u>19-0238</u> Approval of December 10, 2018 LEOFF 1 Disability Board Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.A <u>19-0222</u> Approval of Case #04-19 Hearing Aid Request

Vice Chair Bateman moved, seconded by Boardmember Gies, to approve payment in the amount of \$3,726.27 for hearing aids from Avada. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Cooper, Vice Chair Bateman, Boardmember Gies and Boardmember Ramey

Recused: 1 - Boardmember Seward

4.B <u>19-0335</u> Approval of Case #05-19 Transportation Reimbursement Request

The Board discussed whether or not public transportation to and from medical appointments is considered to be a reasonable medical necessity according to the LEOFF Disability Board Policies and Procedures and RCW 41.26.150. The Board agreed that travel via ambulance due to an accident or severe or sudden illness would be

considered medically necessary and reimbursable. However, language in the current policies does not address elective public transportation to and from medical appointments, and the Board does not want to set a precedence for LEOFF members filing for travel reimbursements.

The Board directed staff to contact the requester and ask them to obtain further medical documentation from their doctor which will address which travel claims (if any) are deemed medically necessary.

The Board delayed decision and will determine whether or not to approve reimbursement at the next LEOFF meeting when the additional medical information is provided.

5. **REPORTS**

5.A <u>19-0239</u> Expense Report for LEOFF 1 Disability Board of November and December 2018

The report was received.

5.B <u>19-0350</u> Expense Report for LEOFF 1 Disability Board of January and February 2019

The report was received.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.