

**CITY OF BELLEVUE
LEOFF 1 DISABILITY BOARD
Meeting Minutes**

February 4, 2026

via Hybrid Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Susan Neiman
Boardmember Mike Crosby
Boardmember Bryan Reil

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilmember Lynne Robinson
Councilmember Claire Sumadiwirya

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathleen Kline, City Attorney’s Office
Steve Treperinas, Human Resources

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

II. ROLL CALL:

A quorum was present.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Crosby to approve the January 7, 2026 LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

V. MEETING CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS:

A. Routine Claim

None.

B. Special Claim

Boardmembers reviewed Member #139's Special Claim for reimbursement in the amount of \$80.00 for a vision examination that was not covered by the member's insurance provider. Mr. Treperinas explained that the member had previously received a covered vision exam earlier in the calendar year, and the insurance provider denied payment for a second vision exam due to its limitation of one covered vision exam per year. The medical portion of the visit was covered; however, the vision exam component was denied.

Boardmembers discussed the distinction between insurance plan limitations and the Board's statutory obligations under LEOFF 1 provisions. It was noted that state law requires the Board to cover the fees of an optometrist or physician for eligible members. Boardmembers clarified that while hardware such as glasses or contact lenses may be subject to policy limits, examination fees are considered a required minimum service under statute. Discussion also included whether the visit may have been medically necessary and the importance of coordinating with insurance coverage timelines in the future.

Motion by Boardmember Crosby and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Special Claim for reimbursement as presented. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

Boardmembers directed Mr. Treperinas to inform the member of the Board's decision and to remind the member of insurance timelines and coordination requirements for future claims.

C. Pre-Approved Recurring Long-Term Care Claims

Boardmembers reviewed the long-term care claims included in the Board packet.

VI. STAFF REPORT:

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Public Participation Rules

Boardmembers reviewed proposed Public Participation Rules consistent with those adopted by the City Council and other Council-created boards and commissions. Boardmembers agreed that the rules were reasonable and provided clear procedural guidance for managing public comment,

including maintaining decorum and outlining the Chair's authority to provide warnings when necessary.

Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Crosby to adopt the Public Participation Rules substantially in the form presented. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

IX. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting will be held on March 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Treperinas reported that Council-appointed Boardmembers have experienced recurring scheduling conflicts with the current meeting day and time. The Council Office requested that the Board consider whether an alternate meeting day or time might improve attendance. Boardmembers discussed potential options, including later evening meetings or alternate weekdays, and noted concerns related to traffic, work schedules, and conflicts with City Council meetings or other board commitments. No changes were made at this time. Mr. Treperinas will consult further with the Council Office and report back with additional information regarding possible alternatives.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.