

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

March 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  
Alex Tsimmerman (Public Comment)

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

A quorum was present.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alex Tsimmerman

Alex Tsimmerman spoke to the Board about his concerns regarding restrictions on public speaking at council meetings. He argued that a decision made by Council about 12 years ago limited residents’ First Amendment rights by reducing the amount of time available for public comment. According to Mr. Tsimmerman, the rules allowed only a short period of time to be shared among multiple speakers, which he believed prevented people from fully expressing their views. He claimed that the change was made specifically because of him and stated that he had received multiple trespass notices over the past several years, which he said had prevented him from speaking at meetings.

Mr. Tsimmerman criticized Council’s actions as an attempt to silence dissenting opinions and repeatedly referenced the importance of free speech protections under the Constitution. He used strong language to describe what he viewed as unfair or authoritarian behavior by local officials and argued that democracy requires allowing

people with different viewpoints to speak openly. He also referenced national politics and mentioned President Donald Trump while discussing freedom of speech.

In closing, Mr. Tsimmerman called on Council to change the current rules and restore what he described as a more open system of public participation that existed in the past. He ended his remarks with several political statements and reiterated his belief that the current policies prevent residents from freely speaking at public meetings.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Crosby to approve the February 4, 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 #58's Special Claim for reimbursement related to Flonase. The claim was presented as a routine, recurring medical expense, and documentation had been included with the submission. According to the discussion during the meeting, the member had provided a doctor's prescription supporting the use of the medication.

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Crosby to approve the Special Claim for Member #58. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

Boardmembers reviewed the Special Claim for Member #44 for reimbursement related to a prescription copayment through Kaiser dated February 25, 2026. During the discussion, Boardmembers noted that the claim involved a small copay amount—approximately \$2—which had been overpaid and was being requested for reimbursement. The claim was described as straightforward and consistent with previous reimbursements related to Kaiser prescription copays.

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Chair Neiman to approve the Special Claim for Member #44 for reimbursement related to prescription copay through Kaiser dated February 25, 2026. Motion carried unanimously (2-0; Boardmember Crosby recused himself from the vote).**

Boardmembers then reviewed a second claim submitted by Member #44, which was for another Kaiser prescription copayment, dated February 9, 2026. Like the first claim, the reimbursement

request involved a small copay amount associated with a prescription medication covered through Kaiser. The Board noted that the claim was similar to the previous one and did not present any unusual issues or concerns.

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Chair Neiman to approve the Special Claim for Member #44 for reimbursement related to prescription copay through Kaiser dated February 9, 2026. Motion carried unanimously (2-0; Boardmember Crosby recused himself from the vote).**

Boardmembers reviewed the Special Claim for Member #6 for expenses related to moving from one assisted living facility to another. The claim included moving costs, a community fee charged by the new facility, prorated rent for January, full rent for February, and a last month's rent deposit. Boardmembers discussed the circumstances of the move and noted that the Member had been at the previous facility for only a little over a year.

Members raised concerns about whether the move was medically necessary, which would determine whether certain costs—particularly the moving expenses and community fee—could be covered. The documentation stated that the move was due to safety and care concerns at the previous facility, including medication issues, but the Board noted that the explanation was vague and did not include confirmation from a physician or medical professional. Boardmembers emphasized that they needed clearer documentation explaining who determined that the move was necessary.

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Crosby to approve payment of Member #6's prorated January rent at the new facility and the February rent, since those expenses were consistent with the program's normal practice of covering monthly assisted living costs. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).**

Boardmembers suspended payment of the moving expenses, community fee, and last month's rent until additional documentation—preferably from a physician—could be provided confirming that the move was medically necessary.

C. Pre-Approved Recurring Long-Term Care Claims

The long-term care claims were included in the Board packet.

**VI. STAFF REPORT:**

None.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

**IX. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:**

The next regularly scheduled LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting will be held on April 8, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.