

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

April 1, 2026

*via Hybrid Meeting*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councilmember Naren Briar  
Boardmember Mike Crosby  
Boardmember Bryan Reil  
Councilmember Lynne Robinson

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Chair Susan Neiman

**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 Boardmember Reil.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

A quorum was present.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alex Tsimmerman

Mr. Tsimmerman delivered a highly confrontational and disjointed statement centered on political grievances and accusations against local officials. Mr. Tsimmerman criticized Councilmember Robinson using repeated insults and offensive language, challenged city policies that limit public comment participation, and characterized those restrictions as violations of free speech rights under the First Amendment. Mr. Tsimmerman also referenced broader geopolitical tensions and alleged retaliation connected to a prior candidacy. The comment was disruptive in tone and content and was cut off after the allotted speaking time.

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

**Motion by Councilmember Robinson and second Boardmember Crosby to approve the March 4, 2026 LEOFF 1 Disability Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

#### **V. MEETING CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS:**

##### **A. Routine/Special Claims**

Boardmembers reviewed the first claim for Member #6. The claim was described by staff as routine and involved a medication copay reimbursement associated with Kaiser. The total amount requested was \$12, representing a consolidation of several small copay charges.

**Motion by Boardmember Crosby and second by Councilmember Robinson to approve \$12 Claim for Member #6 as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

Boardmembers reviewed the second claim for Member #6. The claim was from a new assisted living facility totaling approximately \$9,588.97 for multiple months. The charges included base rent along with additional services such as personal care, medical assistance, and coordination of care. The Board determined that these services were consistent with medically necessary assisted living and within the allowable cost limits. However, Boardmembers noted that certain items—such as guest meals and any moving-related expenses—were not eligible for reimbursement and should be excluded. Boardmembers also directed staff to follow up for additional documentation, including an updated physician assessment and clarification on the necessity of the move to the new facility.

Boardmembers reviewed the third claim for Member #6. The claim was related to a subsequent billing period from the same facility totaling \$7,054.06. Boardmembers viewed the care-related expenses as medically necessary, provided they remained within the established cap and excluded non-medical costs such as guest meals or incidental charges. Staff was authorized to process payment for these ongoing expenses while continuing to seek supporting documentation to ensure compliance with program requirements.

**Motion by Councilmember Robinson and second by Boardmember Crosby to approve the two claims for Member #6 within the parameters listed above. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

##### **B. Pre-Approved Recurring Long-Term Care Claims**

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

**VI. STAFF REPORT:**

Mr. Treperinas provided several updates and informational items to the Board. He informed Boardmembers of an ongoing issue with medical providers billing retirees for costs that should be covered or waived under insurance agreements, advising that Members should wait for explanation of benefits before making payments and to seek refunds if overcharged. Mr. Treperinas also discussed administrative matters related to claim processing, including adjustments to long-term care reimbursement amounts and the need for proper documentation.

Additionally, Mr. Treperinas notified Boardmembers that Chair Susan Neiman would be resigning due to relocation and outlined the process for recruiting a replacement, including public outreach and application review.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

Boardmembers considered attendance for Boardmember Crosby and Councilmember Briar to attend the upcoming LEOFF 1 training seminar in Chelan.

**Motion by Councilmember Robinson and second by Boardmember Reil to authorize expense reimbursement for Boardmember Crosby and Councilmember Briar to attend the upcoming LEOFF 1 training seminar in Chelan, Washington May 5-8, 2026. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None.

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

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

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.