

**City of Bellevue
LEOFF 1 Disability Board**

Summary Minutes of Special Meeting
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September 10, 2026
4:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams and
Conference Room 1E-110

MEMBERS PRESENT: Naren Briar, City Councilmember
 Mike Crosby, Fire Department (Remote)
 Bryan Reil, Police Department *[Arrived 4:55 p.m.]*
 Lynne Robinson, City Councilmember

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Steve Treperinas, Retirement Specialist
 Kathleen Kline, Assistant City Attorney

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:42 p.m., with Councilmember Robinson presiding.

2. Roll Call

All Board Members except Mr. Reil were present.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Crosby moved to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Briar and carried unanimously.

4. Consideration of Medical Claims

Ms. Robinson referred to a claim from Member #6 for consideration.

Mr. Crosby moved to approve the claim for Member #6. The motion was seconded by Ms. Briar and carried unanimously.

5. Staff Reports: None.

6. New Business: None.

7. Unfinished Business

(a) Open Citizen-at-Large Board Position

Ms. Robinson recalled that during the August meeting, the Board concurred regarding two finalists for the Citizen-at-Large position: Anthony Mastrandrea and Cynthia Kaufman.

Mr. Crosby spoke in support of Mr. Mastrandrea, who is familiar with Police and Fire personnel and issues. Mr. Crosby acknowledged Ms. Kaufman's legal background as potentially helpful but said he felt more comfortable with Mr. Mastrandrea.

Ms. Robinson said she would not feel comfortable appointing another Fire or Police representative to the Citizen-at-Large position, which is intended to represent the broader community. She spoke favorably of Ms. Kaufman's legal and community service experience. She said she interviewed Ms. Kaufman for a position on the Human Services Commission and considered her a top candidate. Ms. Robinson said Ms. Kaufman is smart and cares about the community.

Mr. Reil said he felt both candidates were qualified. However, he expressed a preference for Mr. Mastrandrea, a former firefighter.

Ms. Briar said she reviewed the Board's bylaws, which indicate that the Citizen-at-Large position should provide a community-wide perspective. She noted that two Board positions are already designated for Police and Fire representatives. Ms. Briar said it is important to appoint a neutral resident. She said she found Ms. Kaufman to be a pragmatic and grounded person and she would be comfortable appointing her. Ms. Briar said she similarly would not think it would be appropriate to appoint another current or former Councilmember to the Citizen-at-Large position.

Ms. Robinson concurred that Ms. Kaufman is a neutral party who would represent the average resident.

Mr. Crosby said the Board makes decisions based on state law. He believes Mr. Mastrandrea would make decisions fairly and honestly.

Ms. Robinson clarified that Ms. Kaufman is not a friend but she was impressed with her interview for the Human Services Commission.

Responding to Mr. Reil, Ms. Robinson noted that the Board could have voted during the regular August and September meetings when Mr. Reil was absent. However, they chose to wait to give him an opportunity to provide input. Mr. Crosby recalled that Mr. Reil insisted on having a vote of the full Board on a past issue.

Mr. Reil moved to appoint Cynthia Kaufman to serve in the Citizen-at-Large Board position, noting that he trusts and respects Ms. Robinson's judgment. Ms. Briar seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 3-1 with Mr. Crosby dissenting.

Mr. Crosby thanked everyone for considering Mr. Mastrandrea and said he felt this was a good decision.

(b) Follow-up Regarding Claim for Member #6 discussed on August 5

Ms. Robinson recalled the Board's discussion in August regarding a claim for Member #6. At that time, the Board requested additional information regarding the items submitted for reimbursement.

Mr. Treperinas said he has not received a response from the family.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.