

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

November 5, 2025

*via Hybrid Meeting*

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Boardmember Mike Crosby  
Boardmember Bryan Reil  
Mayor Lynne Robinson

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Chair Susan Neiman  
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 Bryan Reil.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

A quorum was present.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Alex Tsimmerman began by referencing election issues and alleging misconduct involving Mayor Robinson. When he used inappropriate language, he was warned by Boardmembers to maintain respect. He continued with grievances about his election statement being altered before publication, a long-running trespass case, and dissatisfaction with legal representation.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Crosby and second by Mayor Robinson to approve the October 1, 2025 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 the Special Claim for Member #44. This claim was for a prescription medication to treat macular degeneration that Kaiser does not cover.

**Motion by Mayor Robinson and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Special Claim for Member #44. Motion carried (2-0; with Boardmember Crosby recusing himself from the vote).**

Boardmembers reviewed the Special Claim for Member #58 to reimbursement for hearing aids and hearing amplifiers. The hearing aids totaled \$6,800, of which Premera covered \$6,000. The Member sought reimbursement for the remaining \$1,600 (\$800 balance for the hearing aids, plus an additional \$800 for the new amplifiers). This Member had previously purchased and then returned an earlier amplifier model that the Board approved in August; the reimbursement check was not cashed and was returned. The physician's letter accompanying the claim stated the devices were medically necessary due to progressive hearing loss that affected daily functioning and safety.

The discussion focused on whether the additional costs exceeded the Board's \$6,000 hearing-aid allowance per three-year period. It was clarified that the \$6,000 limit applies after insurance, meaning the total remaining cost still fell within the allowed amount. Amplifiers were noted as separate from hearing aids, but the Board had already approved a prior amplifier purchase under similar medical justification. Boardmembers confirmed that the purchases were within the same eligibility period and that the physician declared them medically necessary.

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

C. Pre-Approved Recurring Long-Term Care Claims

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

**VI. STAFF REPORT:**

Kathleen Kline noted she had emailed proposed public participation rules for the Board to review. Because the Chair was absent, the Board opted to postpone discussion until December when more Boardmembers could be present.

**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 December 3, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.