

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

January 7, 2009
5:30 p.m. – Administration
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118
Bellevue City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT Chairperson Susan Neiman
 Deputy Mayor Claudia Balducci
 Councilmember John Chelminiak
 Boardmember Bryan Reil

MEMBER ABSENT: Boardmember Wayne Bergeron

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Dillon, Human Resources
 Siona Windsor, Legal Advisor

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Chairperson Neiman.

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the December 3, 2008 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Approval of the June 4, 2008 meeting minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum for the meeting minutes. Deputy Mayor Balducci requested that a Special Meeting be scheduled so the June 4, 2008 meeting minute can be approved.

IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

Motion by Deputy Mayor Balducci and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances as presented.

There was a brief discussion regarding the duty relatedness of Member #155's claim. The claim was approved presumptive.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0).

B. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

Motion by Deputy Mayor Balducci and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 Month as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).

V. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS

A. Routine Claims

Motion by Deputy Mayor Balducci and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the Routine Claims as presented.

There was a brief discussion regarding the eye exam claim. This claim was within the policy guidelines and was part of a Group Health claim.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0).

B. Special Claims

Motion by Deputy Mayor Balducci and second by Councilmember Chelminiak to approve the Special Claims, except for Member #33's claim.

Member #139 Discussion:

Boardmembers were in agreement that Member #139's medical test claim is related to a current medical condition. This test was ordered by the physician based upon the Member's medical condition. Approval of this claim does not set precedence for future claims of this nature. Future claims will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Member #123 Discussion:

There was a brief discussion regarding the cost of hearing aids. Ms. Dillon clarified that the hearing aid claim for Member #123 was considered a reasonable cost.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0) to approve the Special Claims, with the exception of the claim for Member #33.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:28 p.m., Chairperson Neiman announced an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The Executive Session was expected to take approximately 10 minutes. The Executive Session adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

VII. REPORTS BY STAFF

None.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Out-of-Network Claim Discussion

At the December 3, 2008 meeting, the Board requested staff to prepare a draft policy to address out-of-network provider claims. Currently, the Board's policy manual does not have any restrictions on the use of out-of-network providers.

There was a general discussion regarding recent out-of-network claims (two surgeries performed by Proliance doctors at an estimated cost of \$1,200).

Some of the other WSLEA Board Policies were compared and discussed. In particular, Councilmember Chelminiak favored the Bellingham policy.

Boardmembers discussed the option of allowing members to continue seeing out-of-network doctors if their claims are currently ongoing. If a new situation arises, then members should see in-network physicians, otherwise the claimant will be responsible for the out-of-network expense. Boardmembers would like a general policy discussion with all Boardmembers to discuss this option in further detail.

IX. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

X. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.