

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 28, 2024 - FINAL



TRUSTEE AND STAFF ATTENDANCE

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| Teleconference | Dennis Lawson, Chair – Central Pierce Fire and Rescue |
| Teleconference | Jason Granneman, Vice Chair – Clark County Sheriff’s Office |
| Teleconference | Mark Johnston – Vancouver Fire Department |
| Teleconference | AJ Johnson – Snohomish County Fire District #1 |
| Teleconference | Senator Jeff Holy – Spokane Police Department (Retired) |
| Teleconference | Tarina Rose-Watson – Spokane Int’l Airport Police Dept |
| Teleconference | Wolf Opitz – Pierce County |
| Teleconference | Pat McElligott – East Pierce County Fire |
| Absent | Representative Steve Bergquist – WA State Representative |
| Teleconference | Darell Stidham – Spokane County Sheriff’s Office |
| Teleconference | Jay Burney – City of Olympia |
| In Attendance | Steve Nelsen – Executive Director |
| In Attendance | Tim Valencia – Deputy Director |
| In Attendance | Chloe Drawsby – Executive Assistant |
| Teleconference | Jessie Jackson – Administrative Services Manager |
| Teleconference | Tammy Sadler – Benefits Ombudsman |
| In Attendance | Jacob White – Senior Research and Policy Manager |
| Absent | Jessica Burkhart – Ombudsman Program Manager |
| Absent | Karen Durant – Senior Research and Policy Manager |
| Teleconference | Tor Jernudd – Assistant Attorney General |

Call to Order

The LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board met in the Washington State Investment conference room in Olympia, Washington on February 28, 2024. A quorum of the members was present at this meeting through teleconference.

Executive Director Steve Nelsen called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. with permission from the Board.

1. Legislative Update

Senior Research and Policy Manager, Jacob White gave a Legislative update to the Board. Mr. White reported that SB 6198 ‘Employees of the LEOFF Plan 2 Board’ was amended from including all staff members from the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board to including only the Deputy Director and the Research and Policy Manager positions. Mr. White also reported that the amended version of SB 6198 was added to SB 6197 ‘Cornering LEOFF Plan 2.’ SB 6197 passed out of the House Appropriations as amended. SB 6197 is now in the Rules Committee.

HB 2024/ ESSB 5424 ‘Concerning Flexible Work Policies for Law Enforcement Officers and Participation in LEOFF Plan 2’ is a bill that LEOFF Plan 2 is tracking and has passed out of House Appropriations and is currently in Rules Committee.

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2. Admin Update

Executive Director Steve Nelsen gave an admin update to the Board regarding Stakeholder events. The Washington State Council of Firefighters (WSCFF) held their annual Kelly L. Fox Legislative Reception on February 15th. Mr. Nelsen and Senior Research and Policy Manager, Jacob White gave a Legislative presentation to the council on February 15th. The Washington Council of Police and Sheriffs (WACOPS) held their annual Legislative Appreciation Reception on February 15th as well. Mr. Nelsen gave a Legislative presentation for the council on February 14th. Mr. Nelsen informed the Board on upcoming trustee education opportunities. The National Conference on Public Employees Retirement Systems (NCPERS) is going to be held in Seattle, Washington this year from May 20th – 22nd.

The last day of Session will be March 7th. The next board meeting will be held on March 27th and the Board will be updated on a session review, an interim preview, and an admin update.

3. Public Comment

The LEOFF 2 Board welcomes public comment in advance of all meetings and has posted instructions on its website for the submission of written comments. There were no public comments to report to the Board at this meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

The next meeting of the LEOFF Plan 2 Retirement Board is scheduled for March 27th at 9:30 a.m. at the Washington State Investment Board located at 2100 Evergreen Park Drive S.W. Olympia, WA 98502.