

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

July 2, 2013  
5:30 p.m. – Administration  
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118  
Bellevue City Hall

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Susan Neiman  
Boardmember Wayne Bergeron  
Boardmember Bryan Reil  
Councilmember John Stokes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Councilmember Claudia Balducci

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Paula Dillon, Human Resources  
Siona Windsor, City Attorney's Office

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Neiman.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Councilmember Stokes and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the February 5, 2013 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

**Motion by Councilmember Stokes and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the May 7, 2013 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

**Motion by Councilmember Stokes and second by Boardmember Bergeron to approve the June 4, 2013 Disability Board Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

#### IV. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

##### A. Applications for Disability Allowances

None.

##### B. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

**Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Councilmember Stokes to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

#### V. STAFF REPORT

A member submitted a claim for a Cranial Prosthesis (wig) for chemotherapy induced hair loss at the June 4, 2013 Board meeting. The Board found the claim to be medically necessary for the member's mental health. However, approval of the claim was postponed and staff was directed to research the cost of wigs for chemotherapy patients. Staff research found online prices for synthetic wigs ranged from \$60 to \$513, and partial human hair wigs ranged from \$845 to \$1,576. Prices for entirely human hair wigs ranged in price from \$1,500 to \$3,000 and are custom made for the wearer. Ms. Dillon clarified that Member #57 had a custom human hair wig made out of the Member's own hair.

Based upon staff research, Ms. Windsor noted that synthetic wigs are typically more common. She suggested that Boardmember consider placing parameters around members purchasing wigs. Boardmembers discussed options for creating a policy but decided to treat claims on a case-by-case basis since there are a low percentage of LEOFF 1 female members.

**Motion by Councilmember Stokes and second by Boardmember Bergeron to approve Member #57's Special Claim for a Cranial Prosthesis. Further claims of this nature will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis using a benchmark of a reasonable average cost for synthetic wigs. If the member's medical provider has a differing opinion, then the member can submit documentation to the Board for their consideration. All Cranial Prosthesis claims must have preapproval by the Board prior to purchase. At the question, motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

#### VI. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS

##### A. Routine Claims

**Motion by Boardmember Reil and second by Boardmember Bergeron to approve the Routine Claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

B. Special Claims

**Motion by Boardmember Bergeron and second by Councilmember Stokes to approve the Special Claims as presented. Motion carried unanimously (4-0).**

*Note: Member #57's claim was discussed and approved earlier in the meeting agenda.*

**VII. PRE-APPROVED RECURRING LONG-TERM CARE CLAIMS**

The pre-approved recurring long-term care claims were reviewed and included in the Board packet.

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**X. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.