

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

March 3, 2010
5:30 p.m. – Administration
6:00 p.m. – Business Meeting

Conference Room 1E-118
Bellevue City Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilmember Claudia Balducci
Councilmember John Chelminiak
Boardmember Bryan Reil

MEMBER ABSENT: Chairperson Susan Neiman
Boardmember Wayne Bergeron

OTHERS PRESENT: Paula Dillon, Human Resources
Warren Merritt, Fire Department
Siona Windsor, City Attorney’s Office

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Councilmember Chelminiak.

II. ROLL CALL

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the February 3, 2010 meeting minutes was tabled due to lack of quorum.

V. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR DISABILITY ALLOWANCES

A. Applications for Disability Allowances

Motion by Mr. Reil and second by Councilmember Balducci to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances as presented. Motion carried unanimously (3-0).

B. Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month

Motion by Councilmember Balducci and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month.

Ms. Dillon explained that after a member has been out on Disability leave for four months, the Board physician typically evaluates the member. However, the claim for Member #135 is being treated with exception. The member is retiring the end of April 2010. The Department of Retirement Systems has received the Member's application. Therefore, an evaluation by the Board physician is not necessary.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (3-0) to approve the Applications for Disability Allowances Greater than 1 month.

VI. CONSIDERATION OF MEDICAL CLAIMS

A. Routine Claims

Motion by Councilmember Balducci and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Routine Claims as presented.

Ms. Dillon clarified that tinting of lenses is typically not covered for eyeglasses.

At the question, motion carried unanimously (3-0) to approve the Routine Claims.

B. Special Claims

Motion by Councilmember Balducci and second by Boardmember Reil to approve the Special Claims as presented.

Boardmembers discussed Member #31's shipping charges incurred for the claim. Ms. Dillon clarified that the claimed medication is only available through mail order, since the medication is experimental. Boardmembers agreed to cover the shipping charges. However, they requested that Ms. Dillon clarify if shipping charges have been paid on other claims.

Boardmembers debated the \$49 administrative fee associated with Member #10's claim. Although the Member's letter indicated that the fee was to due to Medicare, the physician describes the fee as an administrative fee, which is not deemed medically necessary.

Boardmembers discussed the clerical costs that are typically built into physician fees and are not usually transparent. Boardmembers requested clarification on Member #10's claim for the following:

- What period of time did the member see the physician?
- What was the treatment provided?
- What fees/rates were paid?

At the question, motion carried (3-0) to approve the Special Claims with the exception of Member #10's claim. This claim will be determined once further documentation is provided.

VII. STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Dillon reported that elections for the Disability Board Fire Representative are currently underway. Boardmember Bergeron is running unopposed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. ANNOUNCE DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next Disability Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.