

The Firefighters' Relief and Pension Board for the City of Tacoma met in regular session.

Mayor Woodards, presiding as Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Board Members Present on Roll Call 5 – Minimum Quorum Requirement 3:

Mayor Victoria Woodards  
Andy Cherullo  
Michael San Soucie  
John Carman  
Mike Steele

Others Present:

Cheri Campbell, LEOFF 1 Pension Specialist  
Debra Casparian, Deputy City Attorney  
Tim Allen, Retirement Director  
Catherine Marx, Retirement Director  
Sam Benscoter, Assistant Retirement Director  
Randy Plain, Alternate Board member

Mr. Steele moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 2, 2024, as submitted.  
Seconded by Mr. Cherullo. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comments were received.

**PUBLIC RECORD**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The 2024 LEOFF 1 Conference summary provided by Ms. Campbell was distributed to all Board members.  
No action taken.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Communication items.

NEW BUSINESS

Retiree submitted a request for an exception to the hearing aid policy timeframe.

Ms. Campbell said he purchased his hearing aids four months before the five-year replacement date. His submitted a letter from a hearing aid specialist explaining the need for new aids.

Mr. Carman moved to approve a one-time request to the hearing aid policy and reimburse \$3,500 for hearing aids. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Motion carried.

Retiree passed away April 6, 2024. A legal opinion dated May 21, 2024, was received regarding the widow's pension and funeral/death benefits.

Communication placed on file.

Retiree passed away May 1, 2024.

No action taken.

Retiree passed away May 26, 2024.

No action taken.

Senate Bill 6263 increases the funeral/death benefit from \$500 to \$1,000 effective today, June 6, 2024.

No action taken.

Eyewear survey results were presented to the board.

Ms. Campbell said the eyewear survey was conducted by the City's insurance broker, Mercer. Their results were the same as last year.

Mr. Carman moved to keep the eyewear reimbursement rate at \$400 for the calendar year 2025. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Motion carried.

## PENSION FUND ROLL ITEMS

<b>Internal Fund Accounting Information</b>			
<i>Regence usage/costs</i>	<i>1 active</i>	<i>April 2024</i>	<i>\$(22,164.41)</i>
<i>Regence usage/costs</i>	<i>175 retired</i>	<i>April 2024</i>	<i>177,166.37</i>
<i>Transfers to HCTF</i>		<i>April 2024</i>	<i>665,000.00</i>
<i>Current HCTF Balance</i>		<i>As of 04/30/2024</i>	<i>1,071,886.88</i>
<i>Kaiser Permanente Medicare Advantage</i>	<i>2 retirees over 65</i>	<i>April 2024 – \$432.25 each</i>	<i>864.50</i>
Service pension - (taxable)		(5)	\$5,148.07
Survivor pension - (taxable)		(14)	15,837.61
Survivor pension - (non-taxable)		(37)	39,842.80
Disability pension - duty (non-taxable)		(60)	95,403.52
<b>Total Gross Pension for 116 retirees for May 2024</b>			<b>\$156,232.00</b>
<b>Total Miscellaneous Medical Billings</b>			<b>\$53,106.09</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL FOR PENSION AND BILLINGS</b>			<b>\$209,338.09</b>

Mr. Steele moved to approve the pension fund roll items as amended. Seconded by Mr. Carman. Motion carried.

CLAIMS

There were no Claims.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Campbell introduced Sam Benscoter, the new Assistant Retirement Director.

Mr. Cherullo said this is Tim Allen's last meeting before his retirement at the end of the month. The Board members thanked him for his support and wished him well.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Carman moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Steele. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at TIME AM.

*Victoria R. Woodards*

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Mayor Victoria Woodards, Chairperson

Attest: *Cheri Campbell*  
Cheri Campbell, Acting Secretary