

Minutes

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 - 8:15 AM

Richland City Hall ~ Parkway Conference Room
625 Swift Boulevard

Police Pension Board Regular Meeting No. 793

Mayor Richardson called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Attendance: Mayor Richardson	Present
Finance Director Allen	Present
Police Representative Carper	Present
Police Representative Moore	Present
Police Representative Tanner	Present
Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers	Present

Presentations

None.

Public Comments

None.

Minutes

1. Approval of July 15, 2025 Police Pension Board Regular Meeting Minutes

MR. TANNER MOVED AND MR. MOORE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 15, 2025 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Financial Reports and Investments

2. July 2025 Preliminary Financial Statements

Finance Director Allen reviewed the preliminary July financials and noted that year-to-date spending is just under 50% of budget. There were no questions from the Board.

MR. MOORE MOVED AND MR. CARPER SECONDED THE MOTION TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE THE JULY 2025 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

3. August 2025 Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare/Other Claims

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers reported that two (2) pensioners submitted seven (7) claims during the past month. All claims were routine and providers were in-network.

FINANCE DIRECTOR ALLEN MOVED AND MR. CARPER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 2025 MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/OTHER CLAIMS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Business Items

None.

Board Member Comments

Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers provided information regarding P3 and P14's latest reimbursement claims for discussion only.

P3 (Memory Care Facility)

P3, who previously resided in a memory care facility, passed away on July 7, 2025. The memory care facility invoiced for 17 days of room charges as the family required that amount of time to clear the apartment.

Per the facility's Residential Lease and Service Agreement, *[I]n the event of a resident's death, the rent will continue to be charged until the resident's belongings have been removed, but no longer than 7 days.*

Efforts to finalize the last invoice for the Board's consideration has been ongoing as the facility invoiced the family beyond the contract limit.

Discussion was held on whether the Board should establish a policy for post-death billing or whether cases should be decided on a case-by-case basis. Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers reminded the Board that RCW 41.26 outlines the City's basic obligation to pay for necessary medical services. Concerns were raised about fairness, compassion for families during this difficult time, and the Board's legal authority to pay beyond medically necessary services.

No decision was made, and the issue will be revisited once the final invoice and reimbursement details with the family are finalized.

P14 (Assisted Living Facility)

P14, who is currently residing in an assisted living facility, submitted a reimbursement claim for the months of April, May and June. The invoice for all three (3) months reflects different amounts. Police Pension Board Secretary Rogers stated that despite repeated requests, itemized invoices for the reimbursement claim have not been received. Further clarification has been requested, and P14 is also attempting to obtain details directly from

the facility.

No decision was made, and the issue will be revisited once billing details are finalized.

Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA)

Finance Director Allen reported that the command staff group's new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) was scheduled to go before Council for approval during the City Council meeting to be held later that evening. Once approved, adjustments will be made for those tied to the contract, including retroactive payments. The changes will also apply to commanders, with updated rates to be presented at the next Board meeting.

It was also noted that the captain positions were reclassified as commanders, and the commanders and lieutenants are also unionized. The CBA agreement will now dictate payments for retired commanders.

Member Support System

Mr. Tanner led a discussion regarding the challenges aging pensioners and their spouses may be facing in managing their affairs, particularly as they lose support systems. Members discussed the need to identify available services or advocacy resources that could assist pensioners living alone or in assisted living facilities. It was acknowledged that while the Board's authority is limited, future problems may arise if pensioners are unable to manage their affairs, which could result in additional responsibilities for the Board.

The discussion concluded with recognition that this issue reflects broader societal challenges with an aging population, and members expressed interest in researching potential service options to support affected individuals.

Adjournment

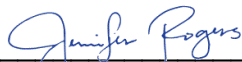
Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

APPROVED:



Mayor Theresa Richardson, Chair

ATTEST:



Jennifer Rogers, Police Pension Board Secretary

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