

MINUTES

POLICE PENSION BOARD REGULAR MEETING NO. 708

Thursday, July 19, 2018 | 8:15 AM

City Hall Annex Building | City Manager's Conference Room

975 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Hopkins called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: City Clerk/Police Pension Board Secretary Hopkins, Administrative Services Director Koch, Police Representatives Moore, Thomas and Couch.

Absent: Mayor Thompson

PRESENTATIONS: (Discussion Only)

1. Kadlec Regional Medical Center Billing Update
- Allison Jubb, Human Resources Director

Ms. Jubb said she is continuing to work on the Kadlec claims issue, however, the issues are on a smaller scope than anticipated. She detailed some of the issues that have been a problem, including Kadlec's confusion that the Board is an insurance company, Kadlec needing to send the original Explanation of Benefits to the Board with their invoices and out-of-network charges. She advised that pensioners need to send their Kadlec bills to the Board Secretary for review and processing to ensure they are correct. The Board asked Ms. Hopkins to send a letter to the pensioners informing them of this procedure.

She next addressed the Board's question on using a Board doctor for claims that need investigation and she gave details on using a Medical Review Board as it would be the appropriate means to resolve an issue, but said they are very expensive to use their services. The Board discussed this topic and decided to continue to use local doctors to give a second opinion when the need arises.

In conclusion, Ms. Jubb said she is looking into adding some common medical services and prescriptions to the pensioners' Cigna plan to utilize the potential discount of the plan.

2. 2018 Police Board Representative Election Results – Mr. Couch Reelected
Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk/Police Pension Board Secretary

Ms. Hopkins said Mr. Couch was reelected as the Police Board Representative for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018. She said she has mailed the election results to the pensioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

MINUTES: (Approve by Motion)

1. Approve the Minutes of the Police Pension Board Meeting Held June 21, 2018
- Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk/Police Pension Board Secretary

Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Moore seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Police Pension Board Meeting held June 21, 2018. The motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND INVESTMENTS: (Approve to Accept and File by Motion)

1. Financial Statements for July 2018

May 31, 2018 - Preliminary:

Cash on Hand	\$122,764.01
Investments	325,402.26
Gains (Loss) on Investments	(75,871.29)
Net Current Assets & Liabilities	(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	\$372,294.98

June 30, 2018 - Preliminary:

Cash on Hand	\$122,675.99
Investments	325,402.26
Gains (Loss) on Investments	(75,871.29)
Net Current Assets & Liabilities	(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	\$372,206.96

Mr. Couch moved and Mr. Moore seconded the motion to accept and file the preliminary financial statement for July 2018. The motion carried 5-0.

MEDICAL/DENTAL/VISION/MEDICARE/OTHER CLAIMS: (Approve by Motion)

1. Pensioner P20 Medicare Payment
- Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk/Police Pension Board Secretary

Ms. Hopkins said Pensioner P20 has begun Medicare benefits as of May 2018 in the amount of \$134. On the 2018 July Claims Log, a Medicare payment of \$402 for May, June and July is listed to get the Medicare Part B payments current. Beginning on the 2018 August Claims Log, the payment will be for \$134 and ongoing.

2. Medical/Dental/Vision/Medicare Claims for July 2018 Claims
- Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk/Police Pension Board Secretary

Ms. Koch expressed her concerns that some pensioner's claims may not be considered medically necessary. She said she was unable to be present when the Board last updated its policies and procedures and said she would have voiced her concerns then about this topic at that time.

After discussion, the Board agreed to require more information from doctors who prescribe medications that are not covered by Cigna, by requiring a letter from the doctor stating if the prescription is medically necessary, describing the treatment plan and what the duration of the treatment will be. The pensioner will attach this letter to a claim for prescribed medications that are not covered by Cigna before submitting it to the Board for payment consideration. After the letter is approved by the Board at their August 16, 2018 meeting, it will be sent to all pensioners.

Mr. Couch moved and Mr. Moore seconded a motion to approve the July claims as presented in the amount of \$11,597.49. The motion carried 5-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS: (Approve by Motion)

1. Pensioner P17 Special Request

Pensioner P17 has asked the Board to consider assistance to help defray some or all of the cost of his long-term health care policy. A copy of the letter from Pensioner P17 to the Board was distributed at the meeting.

The Board discussed the request and said that long-term health care is covered by the Police Pension Board already.

Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Moore seconded the motion to deny Pensioner P17's request to cover some or all of his personal long term health care policy. The motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Hopkins said she would write a letter to Pensioner P17 letting him know of the Board's decision.

2. Review of the Police Pension Board Policies and Procedures

Ms. Koch said she had requested this review, but in light of the Board's agreement to request the pensioners provide a letter from their doctor stating if prescriptions and treatments are medically necessary, she no longer sees the need to review the Board policies at this time.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Mr. Moore wants a second opinion for a medical issue he is experiencing and confirmed with Ms. Jubb that a second opinion would be covered by Cigna.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

Respectively Submitted By,

Marcia Hopkins, City Clerk/Police Pension Board Secretary

Approved: August 16, 2018