

**KITSAP COUNTY
LEOFF 1 DISABILITY BOARD
MINUTES**

Date: August 6, 2026
Time: 2:00pm-2:45pm
Location: County Administration Building
Meeting: Port Blakely Conference Room #370

Present: Don Lutes, Tim Anderson-via Teams, Jay Rosapepe, Jammie Clark, Guests: John Argyle, Larry Bertholf, Daniel Curtin, Jim Pendergast, Robert Zornes via Teams

Meeting began at 2:04pm

Purpose: Member requested a meeting for a reimbursement request outside the policy guideline. Board to discuss and determine how best to proceed.

Welcome Jay Rosapepe as member of City of Port Orchard for our Board

Discussed old business as there are 39 confirmed members of LEOFF 1 in Kitsap County. The list was given to Don Lutes.

Continued discussion for LEOFF 1 funding as an update from old business. Update given at annual WSLEA Conference in May 2026. There is a lawsuit against House Bill 2034. How does the bill read: [HB 2034 Washington State Legislature](#)

The following information was given by DRS (Dept of Retirement Services) at the conference - This bill creates a new restated LEOFF 1 retirement system that is 110% funded

- Maintains the same benefits as the current LEOFF 1.
- Terminate the prior LEOFF 1 Plan and moves the projected surplus to the state on June 30, 2029.
- DRS is required to receive a favorable determination from the IRS regarding the creation of the new system and termination of the prior system.
- Select Committee on Pension Policy studies
 - *Governance of new Restate LEOFF 1
 - * Disability board governance and employer costs for retiree insurance.
- Communication from DRS to all LEOFF 1 members to notify that there is no change to benefits and the statute of limitations for filing suit is 12/31/2027.

Next Steps for Implementation are:

- Request Private Letter Ruling and Determination letter from the IRS
 - Expect to file request in June 2026
 - Unknown timeframe for response from the IRS but expect 18-24 months at least
- Communication to all LEOFF 1 Members in early June 2026- did this happen?
- SPPP Studies due to the legislature by December 2028
- DRS website update

There was also an actuary report that was presented by the state actuary rep at the conference. That presentation of slides will be emailed out to all members. It contains more information about HB2034.

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You can reach out to the [Board Members 2026-2027 | LEOFF1Coalition](#) for more information about HB2034 and updates.

The appeal from the member was discussed but not voted on as there were only 3 in the quorum and one was the newly appointed city rep. The request and information will be emailed to the Board Members for further discussion and decision. Decision will be communicated to member by Jammie Clark.

Discussed the upcoming election for 2027-2029. Port Orchard has grown to the 20,000 resident limit to now create their own LEOFF 1 Board. That should be going into effect January 2027. City of Poulsbo will be represented. Jammie has been in contact with the City of Poulsbo with that information and they are going to determine who will sit on the board for the upcoming term. Jay Rosapepe will be on our Board until the LEOFF 1 Board has been finalized with the City of Port Orchard. **UPDATE:** After further review, the current terms for the board members end 12/31/2027. This is not an election year. The only change will be the City Rep. My apologies for any confusion.

There was also some talk with the guests that attended about dental and what is allowed and what is covered under our LEOFF 1 Board. That information can be found on our website at [LEOFF 1 Disability Board](#). On the website you will also find the [View the 2023 Rules, Policies & Procedures here](#). If ever there are any questions please reach out to Jammie Clark or your HR personnel.

Meeting adjourned at 2:44pm