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The 246th regular meeting of the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers was convened at 9:00 A.M. in Suite 206 of the James R. Larson Forum Building by Chair Martin Spani, with Board Member Brian VanCamp, Board Member Miland Walling, Board Member Debora Smith, Board Member Phin Haglin and Executive Secretary Hailey Blankenship. Also present were Kristi Bromley and James Aber of the Washington State Investment Board, TJ Nedrow of Washington State Firefighters Association and via Teams, Michael Harbour and Frank Serra of the Office of the State Actuary.

It was requested that presentations from WSIB and OSA be able to address the Board prior to old business items.

The Board reviewed the July 22, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes. It was moved by Board Member VanCamp seconded by Board Member Haglin and carried to approve the previous meeting minutes with no noted corrections.

FIRST HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Mr. Nedrow addressed the Board as a pension recipient noting appreciation and thanking them and staff for their efforts toward the benefit increase that went into effect and was received. He expressed his anticipation for future work together and the conversations to come.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary Blankenship shared with the Board that as of January 6th the final phase of the database replacement project had gone live. The payroll portion of the project had a final data migration from the statewide payroll system and a test run was completed and live payroll was initiated through PP+ on January 17th. Secretary Blankenship was joined in conversation by the projects quality assurance providers from Vivid Co. Heidi Brownell and Allyson Sargeant. QA engage with the Board asking how they felt the overall project would impact the Board and explaining the overall efficiencies that will be appreciated upon final implementation.

Secretary Blankenship updated on the Board on the tabled appeal for Gregory Laycock and his appeal to not receive long term disability benefits and his decision to not accept the permanent partial disability award that was approved and offered. A secondary review was completed for the additional records that were received. Following the review, staff had to request another IME records review in order to reconsider the paying of long term disability benefits. Once results are received back, long term benefits can either be paid or an appeals hearing will need to be scheduled. More information will be available at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Blankenship reviewed current legislative items including HB1156 allowing volunteer firefighters to participate in the states deferred compensation plans. Since this funded through and enrolled by the local municipalities BVFF does not have any opposition or impact by their inclusion in the benefit availability. It was

noted however, Reserve Officers are not included in the newly available plan participation and should be. This technical change was highlighted to legislative staff.

The 2025 Supplemental and 2025-27 biennial budgets were reviewed. As of the latest release the requested supplemental funding to complete the database project change request orders was included. The 2025-27 biennial budget showed the reduction in cost with the project reaching completion and added the ongoing Maintenance and Operations cost. The new operations budget also accounted for the request to be enrolled in DES Small agency IT Services but did not remove as requested the service for DES Small agency Finance Services.

The Board reviewed the Secretary's leave and pay records

The Board reviewed and approved (Walling moved, Haglin seconded) the administrative expenditure vouchers numbered #03271 through #03296 and various travel vouchers.

There was a motion by Haglin seconded by Smith and carried that the retirement pensions and lump-sum settlements listed below be approved effective on the listed dates:

PARTICIPANT	DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE	AMOUNT
Bruce Allen	Ruston	9/14/2024	247.50
John Anderson	Thurston 3	11/23/2008	5005.89 LUMP
Paul Anderson	Colfax	12/31/2021	84.00
Daniel Argo	Grant 10	11/10/2024	350.00
Alex Benko	Spokane 5	5/6/2024	4482.46 LUMP
Joseph Benson	E Jefferson	1/23/2023	204.19 J/S
James Boldt	Mason 17	10/15/2024	105.00
Gregory Boone	Lewis 5	8/12/2024	5864.01 LUMP
Larry Brooks	Whatcom 1	11/12/2024	350.00
Kevin Campbell	Eatonville F & R	5/26/2024	71.82 @62
Bryan Campbell	Wenatchee Police	7/22/2024	350.00
Hillary Canty	San Juan 2	10/7/2024	247.50
Charlie Cole	Ferry 3	8/18/2024	87.50
Jeff Danner	Snohomish 19	4/30/2024	5117.36 LUMP@63
Ronald Dixon	Whitman 5	8/1/2024	350.00
Phil Dormaier	Chelan 1	12/31/2024	350.00
Patrick Emerich	Clarkston	11/20/2024	5374.88 LUMP
Dallas Filan	Lacrosse	9/4/2024	350.00
Thomas Fitzgerald	West Thurston	6/4/2024	350.00
Joe Flatt	Spokane 3	11/26/2024	350.00
John Foster JR	Pend Oreille	5/20/2024	225.00
Tim Freeman	Grant 10	10/8/2024	350.00
Ken Fuchs	Spokane 2	4/9/2024	350.00
Robert Geissler	Lincoln 5	10/23/2024	350.00
Gail Gingerich	Chelan 6	10/28/2024	101.50
Dean Grewe	Spokane 11	9/19/2024	350.00
Steven Gussick	White Salmon	10/16/2024	122.40 J/S @60
Gerald Heather	King 17	11/2/2024	5609.05 LUMP
Miriam Gordon	Thurston 16	6/3/2024	7900.09 LUMP SUR
Milton Groom	Colfax	10/1/2024	247.50
Douglas Gourley	Walla Walla 5	4/12/2011	4090.89 LUMP
Fred Hauelsen	Stevens 5	8/1/2024	350.00
Dale Hensley	Grays Harbor 2	8/13/2024	5864.01 LUMP
Rick Hood	Whitman 12	5/1/2024	340.00
Richard Hope	Lewis 5	6/8/2024	4286.84 LUMP@61

Theodore Husted	San Juan 5	8/1/2024	71.75 J/S
Jimmy Hutchens	Skagit 3	8/18/2024	350.00
Stephen Jefferies	Snohomish 27	7/25/2024	5149.56 LUMP
Toni Jefferies	Snohomish 27	8/13/2024	4995.36 LUMP
Scott Jeffery	Lynnwood	12/15/2024	225.00
Kenneth Johnson	Adams 5	8/4/2024	268.80 @63
Sherry Jones	Okanogan 6	10/1/2024	350.00
David Kaldahl	Jefferson 5	9/30/2024	5993.40 LUMP
Rodrick Kroiss	Stevens 5	10/1/2018	350.00
Jeff Lagerwey	No. Whatcom F&R	12/18/2024	255.00
Ross Lambert	White Salmon	8/20/2024	188.10 @62
David Landes	South Cle Elum	3/12/2024	247.50
James Lewis	Wenatchee Valley	11/1/2024	225.00
Wayne Lowder	Cowlitz 6	5/11/2024	266.00 @62
Mike McAllister	Lewis 16	9/3/2023	187.40
John McAndie	Clallam 3	1/1/2024	91.00
Kermit McClellan	Chelan 5	11/1/2024	350.00
Jim McCorison	San Juan 2	8/31/2024	5374.88 LUMP
John McDowell	Woodland	3/12/2024	70.84 @64
Douglas Mitchell	Spokane Sheriff	8/19/2024	5864.01 LUMP
Richad Muggli	Jefferson 3	2/15/2024	94.50
Salvatore Mugnos	Grant 3	8/31/2024	5354.09 LUMP
Dale Munn	Ferry OK 13	1/1/2024	5099.14 LUMP
Kevin Murphy	Newport	11/9/2023	3824.35 LUMP
Jeffery Nelson	Yakima 5	9/6/2024	350.00
Michael Nelsen	St John	1/10/2024	4844.18 LUMP
Dale Nielsen	Lewis 2	7/1/2024	291.90 J/S
Robert Nutt	San Juan 2	10/8/2024	360.00
Richard Parker	Sedro-Woolley	7/28/2024	4672.37 LUMP @63
Douglas Peterson	Skagit 12	7/1/2024	350.00
Yolanda Pfaff	Stevens 1	6/9/2024	5117.36 LUMP@63
Anne Pillers	Palouse	5/1/2024	360.00
Jeffrey Pimentel	Seattle Police	7/9/2024	195.00
Jordan Pollack	San Juan 4	11/25/2023	4079.31 LUMP
Duwayne Reister	Chelan 1	4/10/2023	2549.57 LUMP
Johnny Reynolds	Grant 4	10/1/2024	350.00
Jaye Rothermel	Milton	12/30/2024	4672.37 LUMP@63
Mark Rothermel	Milton	1/30/2024	171.00 @62
Johnnie Segle	Chelan 8	1/24/2017	94.50
Debra Sharp	Conconully	5/17/2024	247.50
Brian Shook	Franklin 3	6/1/2024	5354.09 LUMP
Warren Shill	King 10	9/10/2024	5609.05 LUMP
Eric Soderman	King 27	3/1/2024	288.75 J/S
Teresa Stagner	Cowlitz 6	5/28/2024	291.90 J/S
Jeff Steck	Newport	12/5/2022	5099.14 LUMP
Stephen Thornton	Riverside FA	8/10/2024	6118.96 LUMP
Thomas Clarence	Lewis 2	5/31/2021	84.00
Jim Trowbridge	Cle Elum	10/1/2019	4844.18 LUMP
William Tubbs	Snohomish 26	9/10/2024	291.90 J/S
Henry Vandenhaak	North Whidbey	9/23/2024	350.00
Karen Whitney	Mt. View F&R	12/18/2024	6118.98 LUMP
Daniel Williamson	Whatcom 14	6/24/2024	297.50 J/S

GOOD OF THE ORDER

SECOND HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There was a motion by Haglin, seconded by Smith, and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 10:10 am.

Hailey Blankenship

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