

Public Safety Memorial Fund Board

Minutes

January 25, 2024

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held a meeting on January 25, 2024, at the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training located at 4190 Aumsville Hwy SE Salem, Oregon. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members:

DaNeshia Barrett, Chair, Law Enforcement Representative
Jennifer Cameron, Vice-Chair, Corrections Representative
Matthew English, Corrections Representative
Maria Caballero Rubio, Public Member

Committee Members Absent:

Scotty Nowning, Law Enforcement Representative

DPSST Staff:

Brian Henson, Deputy Director
Kathy McAlpine, Professional Standards Division Director
Shelby Wright, Executive Assistant to the Director
Jennifer Howald, Legislative and Rules Coordinator
Sam Tenney, Communications Coordinator
Samantha Kossa, Executive Support

Guests

No guests attended this meeting

1. Introductions

Chair, DaNeshia Barrett, began the meeting by introducing herself and invited everyone in attendance to state their name and position for the record.

2. *Approve Minutes from September 22, 2023 and October 26, 2023 Meetings

Approve minutes

- *Matthew English made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 22, 2023 and October 26, 2023 Public Safety Memorial Fund Board (PSMFB) meetings. Jennifer Cameron seconded the motion. The vote was taken by rollcall where the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.*

3. Public Safety Memorial Fund Budget Update

Presented by Kathy McAlpine

Kathy McAlpine explained that the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board (PSMFB) started the 23'-25' biennium with \$385,497. There is a revenue of \$291,525 and an expenditure limitation of \$309,415 which has not changed since the previous meeting. So far in this biennium the

\$16,319 in benefits provided have been for law enforcement and there is a projection of 126 months to stay afloat.

DaNeshia Barrett asked if the projections included those that are eligible for medical, dental and mortgage benefits to which Kathy McAlpine confirmed; noting that this projection is used as a buffer estimation if an application is submitted.

4. *John Christopher Kilcullen (DPSST #35147); Supplemental Application for Discretionary Benefits

Presented by Kathy McAlpine

Background: On April 22, 2011, Police Officer John Christopher Kilcullen was involved in a fatal incident in Springfield, Oregon. Officer Kilcullen was shot and later died from a gunshot wound received while performing his duties as a police officer for the City of Eugene.

On April 28, 2011, the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board (PSMFB) considered the initial application for PSMF benefits submitted by Kristie Sampson-Kilcullen, spouse of Officer Kilcullen. Ultimately the PSMFB determined that Officer Kilcullen's death was a qualifying death as defined by ORS 243.954. As a result, Kristie Sampson-Kilcullen was awarded the lump sum benefit of (\$25,000).

Since 2011, Mrs. Sampson-Kilcullen has continually submitted supplemental applications for benefits requesting further reimbursement to continue health and dental coverage for herself and children, each of which was approved by the PSMFB.

Issue: On January 2, 2024, DPSST received Mrs. Sampson-Kilcullen's request for further reimbursement to continue health and dental coverage for her daughter.

DaNeshia Barrett clarified that ORS 243956 subsection 5 breaks out qualified persons and noted that the daughter is still eligible to receive benefits as defined in the statute.

- *DaNeshia Barrett motioned to approve the application for supplemental benefits and to reward the full amount requested. Matt English seconded the motion. The vote was taken by rolcall where the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.*

5. *Fire Service Representative Nomination

Presented by Shelby Wright

Shelby Wright addressed the Board and noted that Chris Heppel, Board on Public Safety Standards and Training Member, is interested in serving on the Public Safety Memorial Board as the Fire Service Representative and requests the Board's consideration for appointment. If approved, DPSST staff will provide the recommendation to the Governor's office for consideration and appointment.

- *Matt English made the motion to recommend Chris Heppel's appointment to the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board as the Fire Service Representative. Jennifer*

Cameron seconded the motion. The vote was taken by rollcall where the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

6. Next meeting – April 25, 2024, directly following the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training meeting at 9:00 a.m.

With no further items to discuss, Chair Barrett adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m.