

**DISABILITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
February 4, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Police Representative Jim Kraft called the regular meeting of the Kennewick Disability Board to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE:**

Board Members Present:

Gretl Crawford, *Mayor*
Chuck Torelli, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Jim Kraft, *Police Representative*
Gary Williams, *Fire Representative*
Kathryn Armstrong, *Member-At-Large*

City Staff Present:

Brandi Ralston, *Board Secretary*
Jessica Platt, *Finance Director*
Chad Crouch, *Executive Services Director*

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of January 7, 2025, were unanimously approved as presented.

5. **FIRE CLAIMS:** NONE

6. **POLICE CLAIMS:** NONE

7. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Election Results for Fire and Police Representatives:** Ms. Ralston announced elections Dennis Waters was elected as the Fire Representative and James Kraft was re-elected as the Police Representative. The new terms begin April 1, 2025. **The Board expressed their congratulations to the representatives.**

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** NONE

9. **BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**

Ms. Ralston highlighted several key points. Firstly, Police Member #20's claim for \$16,585.00, which received pre-approval at the November 5, 2024, meeting, has been submitted and will be processed in accordance with the prior approval.

Secondly, Ms. Ralston has been coordinating with Police Member #25 concerning his efforts to collect the necessary documentation as requested by the Board on January 7, 2025.

Lastly, Ms. Ralston has been advised the Board's authority is restricted to approving or denying claims submitted to it. The statute establishing the Disability Board does not grant the power to appeal coverage decisions made by external insurance providers, Medicaid, Medicare, and others. Furthermore, the Board is not empowered to coordinate or subrogate claims. This led to an extensive discussion regarding the responsibilities of the Board and the Secretary.

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Kraft concluded the meeting at 4:59 p.m.



Brandi Ralston, CPRO
Disability Board Secretary