

**DISABILITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2026**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Police Representative Jim Kraft called the regular meeting of the Kennewick Disability Board to order at 11:30 a.m.

2. **ATTENDANCE:** The at-large position is vacant.

Board Members Present:

Chuck Torelli, *Mayor Pro Tem*
Jim Kraft, *Police Representative*
Dennis Waters, *Fire Representative*
Brad Klippert, *Councilmember*

City Staff Present:

Jessica Platt, *Finance Director*
Liz D'Hondt, *Accounting Specialist, Board Secretary*
Kristi Smith, *Disability Board Benefits Administrator*

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of March 3, 2026, and April 7, 2026, were unanimously approved as presented.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **Police Member #25 Dental Crown Reimbursement Request:** The claim submitted differed from the receipted total by two cents. The Board approved reimbursement for the receipted amount of \$680.86 instead of the submitted amount of \$680.84.

b. **Treasurer's Report: March 2026:** Ms. Platt delivered the Treasurer's reports and analytics for March 2026. OPEB funding for January through March was slightly down due to lower water consumption but is expected to increase with warmer weather.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

a. **Fire Member #10 SSA Medicare Retro Reimbursement Request Follow Up:** The Board discussed the Medicare reimbursement request submitted for prior years. Legal counsel confirmed the Board is not required to reimburse beyond the six-month window outlined in Board policy. The Board approved reimbursement for the six-month period prior to the March 2026 submission date, with no reimbursement approved for periods prior to September 2025, due to required documentation not being submitted annually by the member.

b. **Fire Member #21 Hospice Claim Status:** Staff is continuing research.

7. **BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION:**

a. Staff reported that five members have not yet submitted the required Medicare Reimbursement forms, and reminder letters were sent.

b. Staff is researching Regence coverage related to specific cataract procedures.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Kraft concluded the meeting concluded at 11:38 p.m.



Elizabeth D'Hondt
Disability Board Secretary