

Public Safety Memorial Fund Board

Minutes

January 23, 2025

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held a special meeting on January 23, 2025, 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 9:56 a.m.

Committee Members:

DaNeshia Barrett, Chair, Law Enforcement Representative
Jennifer Cameron, Vice-Chair, Corrections Representative
Chris Heppel, Fire Representative
Scotty Nowning, Law Enforcement Representative

Committee Members Absent:

Matthew English, Corrections Representative
Maria Caballero-Rubio, Public Member

DPSST Staff:

Kathy McAlpine, Professional Standards Division Director
Jennifer Howald, Administrative Rules Coordinator
Juan Lopez, Executive Assistant to Kathy McAlpine
Shelby Wright, Executive Assistant to the Director

Guests

No guests attended this meeting

1. Introductions

- *Chair DaNeshia Barrett began the meeting by inviting everyone in attendance to state their name and position for the record.*

2. *Approve October 24, 2024, Meeting Minutes

- *Chair Barrett asked for consensus to approve the October 24, 2024, meeting minutes. A consensus was reached to approve the meeting minutes as written.*

3. Budget Update

Presented by Kathy McAlpine

- There have been no changes to the budget since the last meeting. The beginning balance from the 23-25 biennium is \$385,497. During this time, there were no savings and zero benefits were processed for the month of November. Benefits provided so far are 87% through the biennium. Current balances project the PSMFB can be sustained for 122 months. The allocations for each department are expressed in percentages as follows:
 - CJ \$43,591 (64% of allocations)
 - Fire is \$25,000 (36% of allocations)

- OLCC \$0 (0% of allocations).
- *Chair Barrett asked if the balance of 122 months stated above included projected withdrawals, or if nothing changed moving forward, whether the allotted amount would last this suggested time range.*
- *Kathy McAlpine replied that this projection accounts for future continual payments.*

4. *Officer John Christopher Kilcullen, DPSST #35147; Eugene Police Department; Supplemental Application for Discretionary PSMF Benefits
Presented by Kathy McAlpine

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 daughter(s), Sydney Sampson and Katie Kilcullen, each of which was approved by the PSMFB.

On January 13, 2025, Mrs. Sampson-Kilcullen's submitted a supplemental application for benefits, requesting further reimbursement for health and dental coverage for her daughter through the months of January 2025 through June 2025 (6 months). The application states that her daughter is currently still attending high school and is planning to enroll in university.

The application submitted by Kristie Sampson-Kilcullen requests reimbursement of \$2,574.00.

- *Member Nowning motioned to approve and award benefits to Kristie Sampson-Kilcullen, as requested. Member Heppel seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call where the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.*
- *Member Cameron motioned to award the full requested amount of \$2,574 to Kristie Sampson-Kilcullen. Chair Barrett seconded the motion. A vote was taken by roll call where the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.*

6. Next Meeting – April 24, 2025, 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 10:03 a.m.