

Fire Fighters & Law Enforcement Advisory Committee Meeting



**October 20, 2021
8:30 am to 10:00 am**

MICROSOFT TEAMS Meeting/Dial Conference Number 207-209-4724 ID# 247238531# PIN35140

Committee members in attendance: Ronnie Green, Daniel Felkel, John Martell, Joan Hanscom, Employee Health & Wellness, Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez, Employee Health & Wellness

Committee members absent: Paul Gaspar, Chief Richard Caton, Chief Phillip Hamm

Others present: Erica Brown, Employee Health & Wellness

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Next Steps
I. Call to Order (8:37am)	Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez called the meeting to order	
II. Approval of Meeting Minutes	Meeting minutes from September 25, 2021 were reviewed.	Due to a quorum not being present, the meeting minutes couldn't be approved. Approval of the meeting minutes will be deferred to the November meeting.
III. Legislation Update	Ronnie Green updated the Committee that he is working with Senator Joe Baldacci who has submitted the administrative language changes to the current FF-LEO statues as outlined in Kurt's email. These changes will amend the current statues to allow FF-LEO retirees into the State of Maine retiree health benefit plan. Currently, the requested changes are in the Revisor's office for review. The proposed bill has been requested to be submitted as Emergency Legislation. The legislative council must approve the requested to accept it as an emergency bill. It is not known when the Legislative Council will be meeting but it should be within the next month. Ronnie will be in touch with Rep. Troy Jackson and Speaker Fecteau to get their support for this legislation. Due to the fact there is no money associated with the requested changes, Ronnie assumes there will be not issues in	

	<p>the legislation not being approved. The bill is considered more along the lines of an administrative clarification correction. Anya Trudy has been kept abreast of the situation. Ronnie will keep the committee updated. If there are any other changes that maybe needed, they can be addressed later in the process as an amendment to this emergency law.</p>	
IV. Financial Reports	None	
V. Membership Update	Ronnie Green requested to have an updated-on membership numbers at the next meeting. Joan Hanscom will provide membership numbers at the November meeting.	
VI. Updates	<p>Due to a quorum not being present, the Common Language rules and responsibilities will be reviewed at the next meeting. Shonna inquired if the committee had any other issues that needed to address by the rules. None being noted. Discussion took place regarding retirees coming in and out of the State of Maine’s retiree health plan. Shonna suggested further clarification and requirements should be addressed by the Common Language Rules. Due to the new provisions which allow more flexibility for the FF-LEO retirees to obtain retiree health insurance reimbursement, additional documentation should be required. Joan will draft a document which would support retiree’s movement. A discussion took place regarding Retirees who return to work and who haven’t been in the program prior and the implied parameters. More clarification of the criteria that should be applied for Retirees who return to work may need to be added to the emergency amendments pending in the Revisor’s office.</p>	
a. Appeals	Shonna Poulin-Gutierrez advised that she has been in contact with the AG office regarding the legal agreement for the Town of Freeport’s appeal. There is a backlog which is causing a delay in receiving the legal agreement. She will share the document with the Advisory Committee before it is sent to the Town of	

	Freeport. Shonna will provide an update at the next meeting.	
V11. New Business:	None	
V111. Other Business:	None	
V11II. Adjourn Meeting (10:04 am)	Next meeting 11.17.2021 @ 8:30 to 10.00 am. Joan will include the December meeting date (12.15.21 @ 8:30 to 10:00 am) with the November meeting minutes.	Motion to adjourn made by John Martel and seconded by Ron Green. Motion Approved.

JH 11.5.2021