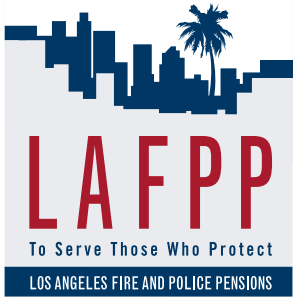


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2021 Non-Medicare Retiree Health Subsidy Increase

Effective July 1, 2021, the new non-Medicare health subsidy maximum is \$1,958.82 per month.

On April 1, 2021, the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners approved a two percent increase to the non-Medicare health subsidy.

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General Manager's Message



Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of *Pension Perspectives*.

This edition of our Pension Perspectives newsletter is filled with important information on the 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), 2021 Non-Medicare Retiree Health Subsidy, Survivor Benefit Purchase Program, and much more. I encourage you to read the newsletter in its entirety to ensure you are not missing

out on valuable information. In addition, you will find an invitation to participate as a volunteer in Los Angeles County's Ombudsman Program, which is dedicated to advocating for the elderly citizens of our community living in nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

I am pleased to report that your pension plan remains well-funded and secure. For the period ending June 30, 2020, the pension plan is funded at 93.2%, down slightly from the prior year. This contrasts with the health plan funded ratio of 59.7%, which is up from the prior year. Overall, the combined funded ratio for pension and health benefits is 88.6%, up slightly from the previous year. This marks the third consecutive year that the combined funded ratio has increased for the System. The favorable actuarial valuation results indicate that the Plan remains strong despite a volatile year marked by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please read the article on the 2021 Non-Medicare Health Subsidy Increase, as it is important to understand the issues and decisions of the Board. The article provides a summary of the information and considerations in the Board's decision-making process.

Thank you all for your continued support and understanding during these unprecedented times. LAFPP has continued to issue monthly pension checks and subsidy payments for retiree health plan premiums on-time over the course of the past year during the pandemic. Should you have any questions, please contact us at (213) 279-3000 or via email at pensions@lafpp.com.

Respectfully,
Ray Ciranna
General Manager

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2021 Non-Medicare Retiree Health Subsidy Increase

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The approved increase is consistent with the Board's fiduciary duty to all members. The Board considered the following information:

- Impact to out-of-pocket premium costs for non-Medicare subsidy-eligible retirees;
- Impact to retirees in multi-party Medicare plans; and
- Average premium changes among most eligible plans.

With the increase to the non-Medicare health subsidy, the vast majority of eligible members will see a reduction in premiums and experience lower out-of-pocket costs. **In fact, the maximum subsidy will fully subsidize all LAFRA or LAPRA single- and two-party non-Medicare plan premiums for members with a non-frozen subsidy and at least 25 years of service.**



Staff conducted a thorough analysis of the health plan premium increases to develop the subsidy recommendation that was presented to the Board. As part of that analysis, staff reviewed the premium changes for all plans impacted by the non-Medicare subsidy. This year, many plans will have premium **decreases**, which means **most members will pay less for their health plans than they were paying just a few years ago.** In fact, retiree health plan premiums over the last five years have increased approximately 2.1% per year on average, well below the average annual subsidy increase of 6%.

The Board has the authority to annually increase the non-Medicare subsidy by up to the lesser of 7% or the actuarial medical trend rate for the upcoming fiscal year. The non-Medicare actuarial medical trend rate for fiscal year 2021-2022 is 4.75%, therefore the Board had the authority to increase the subsidy by up to 4.75% this year. Over the last five years, the actuarial medical trend, which is used primarily for determining the City's contribution requirements for funding the plan, has been approved at an average rate of 6.9%. During that same period, the subsidy has been increased by the Board an average of 6% each year, well above the average increase in premiums over the same period.

Do I qualify to receive the non-Medicare subsidy?

The actual increase in subsidy benefit per member is dependent upon eligibility (see below) and the retiree's respective health plan premium. The approved increase to the maximum non-Medicare subsidy provides fully subsidized single- and two-party coverage for all eligible pensioners with a non-frozen subsidy and 25+ years of service. Qualified survivors who are under the age of 65 and pensioners who are enrolled in a Board-approved HMO or PPO single-party Medicare health plan are not impacted by the maximum non-Medicare subsidy increase.

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Non-Medicare Health Subsidy Eligibility Requirements

Retired members are eligible to receive the **non-Medicare health subsidy** provided all the following requirements are met:

- At least age 55 (age 60 for members who retired before July 1, 1998) or age 65 and older who qualify for Medicare Part B only*.
- Receiving a monthly pension (member has exited DROP).
- Retired with at least 10 years of service or a Tier 6 member who retired on a service-connected disability pension**.
- Enrolled in a Board-approved health plan or participating in the Health Insurance Premium Reimbursement (HIPR) Program.

* *Retirees who qualify for both Medicare Parts A and B receive the Medicare health subsidy.*

** *Tier 6 service-connected disability pensioners with less than 10 years of service receive 40% of the maximum non-Medicare health subsidy or 40% of the single-party cost of the retiree's plan, whichever is lower.*

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Calculating Your Monthly Subsidy Amount

Members who retired with 25 or more years of service may qualify for the maximum monthly subsidy of \$1,958.82. Those who retired with 10 to 24 years of service receive 4% of the maximum subsidy for each whole year of service as demonstrated in the chart below.

How to calculate the Non-Medicare Health Subsidy for Retired Members with 10-24 Years of Service	
Maximum Monthly Subsidy*	\$1,958.82
Calculating Your Monthly Subsidy**	$\text{Member's Whole Years of Service} \times 4\% \times \text{Maximum Subsidy Amount} = \text{Monthly Subsidy}$
<p>*The July 1, 2011 maximum rate of \$1,097.41 applies to members with a frozen health subsidy. **The actual <i>Monthly Subsidy</i> provided may not exceed the premium of the health plan in which the participant is enrolled.</p>	

NON-FROZEN HEALTH SUBSIDY

You will receive a health subsidy based on the **non-frozen** maximum amount of \$1,958.82 if you:

- Retired or entered DROP prior to July 15, 2011 **or**
- Chose to opt-in during the designated period to contribute 2% of your base salary

FROZEN HEALTH SUBSIDY

You will receive a **frozen** health subsidy based on the July 1, 2011 maximum amount of \$1,097.41 if you:

- Retired or entered DROP on or after July 15, 2011 **and**
- Did not opt-in during the designated period to contribute 2% of your base salary

If you have questions regarding your health subsidy entitlement, please contact the Medical and Dental Benefits Section at (213) 279-3115, (844) 88-LAFPP, ext. 93115, or via email at mdb@lafpp.com. Information is also available on the Retired Members and Qualified Survivors sections of our website at www.lafpp.com.

2021 Cost of Living Adjustment is 1.0%

The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is 1.0% for 2021 and was approved by the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners on March 18, 2021. The COLA will be effective July 1, 2021, and all eligible pensioners and Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) participants will receive an increase accordingly, beginning with the pension payment dated July 31, 2021. For new pensioners and DROP entrants in Tiers 3-6, the first year's COLA is prorated based on the number of complete months since the pension effective date, therefore these members may not receive the full 1.0%.

- Tiers 1 & 2 retirees, beneficiaries, and DROP participants will receive 1.0%.
- Tiers 3 & 4 retirees, beneficiaries, and DROP participants will receive up to 1.0%.
- Tiers 5 & 6 retirees, beneficiaries, and DROP participants will receive up to 1.0%, and those with an available COLA bank balance will withdraw up to 0.5% from their COLA bank*, for a total COLA of up to 1.5%. (NOTE: This leaves the COLA bank with a zero balance.)

*Must have retired or entered DROP with a pension effective date prior to June 2, 2020, in order to have an available COLA bank balance.



Consumer Price Index/Bureau of Labor Statistics

The COLA is based on the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Pursuant to the City of Los Angeles Charter/Administrative Code, the 2021 COLA was calculated based on the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area using a 12-month period from March 2020 through February 2021.

How does this affect LAFPP Pensioners?

This is an example of how a monthly pension benefit of \$6,386 would be affected by this year's COLA of 1.0%:

FOR TIERS 1 - 4

If 1.0% of \$6,386 = \$63.86

(\$6,386 x 0.010)

Then the monthly pension benefit increases to \$6,449.86.

(\$6,386 + \$63.86)

FOR TIERS 5 - 6

If 1.5% of \$6,386 = \$95.79

(\$6,386 x 0.015)

Then the monthly pension benefit increases to \$6,481.79

(\$6,386 + \$95.79)

For questions regarding the COLA, please contact the Retirement Services Section at (213) 279-3125, (844) 88-LAFPP, ext. 93125, or via email at rs@lafpp.com.

For detailed information on the calculation of the CPI, please visit the BLS website or call (202) 691-7000.

ANNUAL APPROVAL OF HEALTH AND DENTAL PLANS

Since 2019, the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners (Board) has conducted an annual health and dental plan approval process to ensure health and dental plan offerings continue to provide value to all current and future retirees. This process has increased transparency and improved the Board's oversight of the retiree health care program. Through its partnership with Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association (LAFRA), Los Angeles Police Relief Association (LAPRA), United Firefighters of Los Angeles City (UFLAC), and Los Angeles Police Protective League (LAPPL) the Board has been able to support the establishment of new plans and more equitable premiums on behalf of members.



On March 4 and April 1, 2021, LAFRA, LAPRA, and LAPPL representatives presented updates of their respective health and dental plans to the Board. All presentations included a review

of plan design and benefit changes, new premium rates, as well as changes to their administrative fees. All premiums were analyzed against the provided aggregate claims data and proposed rates and benefits. LAFPP's health benefits consultant found each administrator's overall premium was either fair or favorable, with few exceptions. On average, premiums for LAPRA's Anthem plans were decreasing beginning July 1, 2021. Additionally, LAFRA's self-funded PPO plan renewal indicated a reduction of 2%. Both LAFRA's and LAPRA's Kaiser plan renewal indicated changes of 11% and minus 2.5% respectively. As a result, the Board approved all LAFRA, LAPRA, and LAPPL health and dental plans as suitable and eligible to participate in the retiree health subsidy program for the year beginning July 1, 2021. UFLAC plans were approved for subsidy eligibility on September 3, 2020, effective January 1, 2021.

Oversight of the retiree health care program is a continuous process. In addition to health and dental plan approvals, the Board will continue to focus on issues that impact members so that retirees can continue to have access to comprehensive medical and dental plans and eligible subsidy benefits.

Please contact the Medical and Dental Benefits Section at (213) 279-3115, or via email at MDB@lafpp.com, if you have questions regarding the LAFPP subsidy program or available plans.

DEPENDENT CHILD BENEFITS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION



If you have a disabled child, he/she may be eligible for “Dependent Child” survivor pension benefits after you pass away. If a member has more than one Dependent Child, benefits are available to all children who meet LAFPP’s eligibility requirements. Eligibility for Dependent Child survivor benefits is determined **after** a member’s death and relies upon documentation that declares the child as:

1. Disabled prior to age 21, and
2. Incapable of earning a livelihood.

In order to determine your child’s eligibility, LAFPP requires the following information:

- Application for Survivor Pension Benefits **(submitted at the time benefits are requested, following your death)**
- Child’s Birth Certificate
- Marriage Certificate (if applicable)
- Dissolution Decree (if applicable)
- Guardianship/Conservatorship Over the Estate documents (subject to review by the City Attorney)
- Special Needs Trust information (if applicable)
- Child’s Medical Records
- Child’s School Records
- Proof Child is receiving Social Security benefits (if applicable)
- Child’s assisted living or institutionalization records (if applicable)

Please Note: Even though a final determination of a dependent’s eligibility can only be made after a member’s death, some parts of the process can be completed ahead of time. We strongly encourage you to submit copies of any such documentation on your child’s behalf as early as possible, as it may be difficult to obtain copies of this information later. Documentation should be submitted via email to disability@lafpp.com or by mail to:

Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions
 ATTN: Disability Pensions Section
 701 East 3rd Street, Suite 200
 Los Angeles, CA 90013

The Disability Pensions Section will send a letter confirming receipt of your documentation within 10 business days.

PAYMENT OF DEPENDENT CHILD BENEFITS

Payment provisions are the same for all children who qualify for Dependent Child survivor benefits regardless of the member's pension plan Tier. Payment options include:

1. If the member dies leaving a Qualified Surviving Spouse/Domestic Partner who is the legal guardian or conservator of the Dependent Child, benefits are paid to the Qualified Surviving Spouse/Domestic Partner on the Dependent Child's behalf.
2. If the Board determines that the Dependent Child is an adult who is capable of managing his/her own financial affairs, benefits may be paid directly to the Dependent Child.
3. If a Dependent Child is not capable of managing his/her own financial affairs, the benefits will be paid to the Dependent Child's guardian or conservator over the estate.
4. The Board may authorize payment to the trustee of a Special Needs Trust that meets the criteria of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396p(d)(4)(A), (B) OR (C).



For questions regarding Dependent Child eligibility, please contact the Disability Pensions Section at (213) 279-3165, (844) 88-LAFPP, ext. 93165, or via email at disability@lafpp.com.

SURVIVOR BENEFIT PURCHASE PROGRAM



The Survivor Benefit Purchase Program (“SBPP”) allows a retired member to purchase a survivor benefit for a spouse married in retirement or a domestic partner relationship declared in retirement (i.e., a spouse or domestic partner who would not otherwise qualify for survivor pension benefits from LAFPP). This also includes members who married or declared a domestic partner less than one year before entering DROP or retiring on a service pension. The SBPP benefit is a continuation of the retired member’s reduced monthly pension benefit to the surviving spouse or domestic partner for the survivor’s lifetime.

Note: If the retired member’s death occurs less than one year from the date of his/her SBPP election and the accidental death exception does not apply, there is no survivor pension benefit paid. Instead, the amount by which the retired member’s pension was reduced is paid as a lump sum to the spouse/domestic partner. If both the spouse/domestic partner and the member die during the one-year SBPP vesting period and the spouse/domestic partner predeceases the member, then the lump sum will be paid to the member’s estate.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

- Member completes a *Request Information to Purchase Survivor Benefit* form and submits to the Retirement Services Section. A cost estimate is provided to the member.
- Member makes a one-time, irrevocable election to purchase the SBPP benefit. The member’s monthly pension benefit is permanently reduced and will not return to the original amount should the spouse or domestic partner predecease the retired member, or if their marriage or domestic partnership is terminated.
- Member selects a percentage (30% – 100%) of his/her pension to be paid to the surviving spouse/domestic partner.
- Member pays the full actuarial cost of providing the SBPP benefit by taking an actuarial reduction in his/her monthly pension.
- Upon the member’s death, the surviving spouse/domestic partner qualifies for the benefit if:
 1. The survivor is the spouse/domestic partner declared at the time the retired member elected the SBPP benefit; and
 2. The death of the retired member is at least one year from the effective date of the SBPP election, unless the death is deemed accidental by the Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners. The surviving spouse/domestic partner receiving a benefit under this program is not eligible for a health insurance subsidy from LAFPP.
- The payment of a SBPP benefit does not impact the payment of other LAFPP survivor benefits to minor/dependent children.



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Statutory Power of Attorney

In the event a retired member becomes incapable of electing to participate in the Survivor Benefit Purchase Program, his/her Statutory Power of Attorney may include language that provides sufficient authority to an Agent to act on his/her behalf. As such, members who wish to delegate this authority to their Agent are encouraged to consult with an attorney and review the Statutory Power of Attorney Information on our website.

Need More Information?

If you are interested in the Survivor Benefit Purchase Program, you may access the “Request Information to Purchase Survivor Benefit” form at www.lafpp.com under *Forms & Publications*. Complete the form and submit it to LAFPP per the form’s instructions.

For more information or if you have questions regarding the SBPP program, please contact the Retirement Services Section by email at rs@lafpp.com or by phone at (213) 279-3125 or (844) 88-LAFPP, ext. 93125.



Have you opted to receive your pension check via direct deposit? Electing direct deposit is a quick and secure way to receive your pension check electronically and it saves time going to the bank. If your check is lost in the mail or you misplace it, getting a replacement check can take up to six weeks from the original pay date.

If you plan to start the process, make a change or cancel your Direct Deposit, you may do so from MyLAFPP or by downloading and completing a Direct Deposit Form. You may access the Direct Deposit Form from our website at www.LAFPP.com under *Forms & Publications*.

You can start, change or cancel your direct deposit by using MyLAFPP. Once you login to MyLAFPP, navigate to *Retiree Benefits > Pension Payment > Update Pension Payment*. There is no need to provide any forms if you sign up for direct deposit using MyLAFPP.

If you prefer to use a paper form, please download and submit a completed Direct Deposit Form to the Retirement Services Section. You can submit your form by mail, email to rs@lafpp.com or fax to (213) 628-7716. Follow the instructions on the form to ensure that your information is accurate. If you are starting or changing your Direct Deposit information, please include a cancelled or voided check with your form. Depending on when your form is received, it may not be processed until the month following receipt.

Things to Consider

- Once you set up your Direct Deposit account, your check will automatically be deposited on the last business day of each month – see the Pension Payment Schedule for actual dates. However, availability of funds may vary according to your financial institution. Your pension benefit statement will continue to be mailed to the mailing address we have on file; there is no option to remove such mailing.
- When changing or canceling your Direct Deposit, we suggest leaving your existing account open until your request has been completed. If your account is closed prematurely, you will need to wait for our receipt of the returned payment which will delay its reissuance. Please notify the Retirement Services Section immediately to prevent lengthy delays.
- If you experience difficulties with your Direct Deposit account, fixes can be made to your account for payment the next business day.
- If you are still receiving a paper check, it can be damaged, delayed due to weather, lost in the mail, or misplaced. To have your check reissued, you must complete a Lost Check Affidavit and submit it to the Retirement Services Section. Please note there are only two payment dates per month. Depending on when your affidavit is received, this process can take up to six weeks from the original payment date.

If you have questions regarding your Direct Deposit election, please contact the Retirement Services Section at (213) 279-3125, (844) 88-LAFPP, ext. 93125, or by email to rs@lafpp.com.



We invite you to go paperless. Email delivery is a faster and more efficient way to receive up-to-date pension information, newsletters, and correspondence. This method also allows for quicker responses to your inquiries, more effective problem-solving options, and great customer service.

To submit or update your email address with LAFPP, you may do so by:

1. Logging in to MyLAFPP (your member self-service portal); OR
2. Visiting our website at www.lafpp.com to complete the *Change of E-Mail Address Form* found under Forms & Publications.

NOTE: You will continue to receive your monthly pension payment advice/check in the mail.

For questions or assistance with going paperless, please contact the Communications & Education Section at (213) 279-3155, (844) 88-LAFPP, ext. 93155, or via email to pensions@lafpp.com.

2020 Annual Report is Now Available Online!

LAFPP is pleased to present our **2020 Annual Report**. The LAFPP Annual Report provides financial information such as the Department's budget summary, asset allocation data, investment performance, actuarial data, and statistical information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. The report also includes a list of milestones since the inception of the Plan, along with a summary of benefits and other provisions that serve as a great reference tool for members of all Tiers.

The 2020 Annual Report is now available on our website lafpp.com, under Forms & Publications, Financial Reports, or at www.lafpp.com/financial-reports.





Wise & Healthy Aging **LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM**

Calling all Volunteers!

Are you looking to make a difference in your community? The City and County of Los Angeles Ombudsman Program is seeking volunteers to participate in the Ombudsman Program throughout their regional offices located in Santa Monica, Long Beach, Van Nuys, Pasadena, and Montebello. As a representative of the program, you will play an important role as an advocate servicing the elderly and vulnerable community in helping to improve the quality of care and quality of life in skilled nursing, assisted living, and board and care facilities.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Confidentially investigate complaints made by or on behalf of long-term care facility residents.
- Effectively communicate residents' concerns and utilize appropriate investigation and problem-solving methods.
- Conduct regular unannounced visits to assigned facilities, complete appropriate documentation, and report allegations of elder abuse and neglect to program supervisor.
- Function cooperatively and pleasantly under Ombudsman staff supervision.

LENGTH AND TIME

- One-year commitment is required; minimum 16 hours per month
- Attendance at monthly volunteer meetings
- Flexible facility visitation schedule created by the volunteer between the hours of 7:00 am and 10:00 pm, any day of the week

SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS/ABILITIES REQUIRED

- Compassion for elderly and dependent adults
- Good communication and problem-solving skills
- Demonstrate professional and objective conduct consistent with program expectations
- Willingness to submit timely written documentation related to a complaint
- Cooperatively follow instructions given by Ombudsman staff
- Dependable, flexible, and diplomatic



If you are interested in volunteering, please call 800-334-9473 to find the Ombudsman office in your community or visit the website at www.wiseandhealthyaging.org.



WHAT IS THE RETIRED FIRE AND POLICE ASSOCIATION?

A note from Don Forrest, President LARFPA

The Los Angeles Retired Fire & Police Association (LARFPA) was founded in 1928. Our mission is, "We are dedicated to the welfare and assistance of retired Los Angeles City Firefighters, Police Officers, their spouses or surviving spouses, dependents and children." LARFPA operates as a social welfare and advocacy organization on a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political basis for the sworn, active members and pensioners of the Los Angeles Fire & Police Departments.



What are the benefits of being a member of LARFPA? Most importantly, the Association advocates for issues affecting you as active members and

retirees. We have liaison committees with the LA Fire & Police Pension Board, Fire and Police Relief, the Protective League, UFLAC and Workers' Compensation. Once you are retired, we are the only organization representing the needs and issues facing retirees. When it comes to advocating for your medical and dental benefits or workers' compensation issues, we are your organization to address the issue.

One of the most important responsibilities we have is the administration of our Benevolent Association. Through the wisdom and foresight of our forefathers, we have a healthy fund set aside to support members, active and retired, their spouses, survivors and dependents. We help with financial emergencies, medical crises and any number of other unforeseeable events. Our assistance is a grant, not a loan, and we are always looking to help.

LARFPA publishes a quarterly newsletter to keep the membership informed of current events, important benefit information and a resource guide for help. We also publish a membership roster bi-annually. The newsletter has contact information



for our over 9,000 members. It is broken down geographically and is an ideal tool to keep in touch with old partners and friends. The roster is available online and through the mail. The newsletter also has a valuable resource guide to use when seeking assistance in time of need, bereavement, and telephone number and contact information for important organizations.

Socially, we host two open membership meetings at the Grace Simons Lodge in Elysian Park, in June and September. The June meeting doubles as a family barbeque. In December we host an elegant holiday party for members, family and friends. The cost of these events is subsidized by LARFPA and offer an excellent opportunity to meet up with old friends.

LARFPA, collaborating with several organizations has several noteworthy achievements in recent years.

- **Survivor Benefit Purchase Program** – allows retired members to purchase a survivor benefit for a spouse/domestic partner who would not otherwise be qualified under the LAFPP Plan
- **Special Needs Trust for Dependent Children** – allows LAFPP benefit payments to a special needs trust for disabled children
- **Dependent Children** – eliminated the marriage and adoption rules to allow dependent children to continue to receive benefits
- **Initiated the Fry, et al. vs. City of LA** – medical subsidy freeze case on behalf of members

The LARFPA Board of Directors, 8 police & 8 fire, are volunteers. We maintain a full-time office staff to serve the members. All Directors can be reached through the office staff. You can read more about LARFPA on our website, larfpa.com. We are also on Facebook.

Membership dues are \$5 per month paid by payroll deduction. To join, you must be a sworn member of the LA Fire Department or Police Department. Sworn members of the Port & Airport are eligible to join if they are members of LAFPP Tier 5 or 6. Applications and/or information may be requested from LARFPA by writing, calling, E-mail or signing up directly through the LARFPA website.

We look forward to you joining this historical organization and helping you into retirement.



\$5/MONTH MEMBERSHIP

**The Los Angeles Retired
Fire & Police Association, Inc.**

**9521 Las Tunas Dr. Suite 4
Temple City, CA 91780
(323) 283-4441 | (626) 285-5138**

**For General Questions or Concerns contact:
info@larfpa.com**





BOARD DIRECTORY

The Board of Fire and Police Pension Commissioners consists of nine members: five members appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by the City Council and four members elected by active and retired Fire and Police members. The Board is committed to acting in strict accordance with its fiduciary duties, including those of prudence, loyalty, and care.

Board meetings are normally held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:30 AM in the Sam Diannitto Boardroom, located at 701 E. 3rd Street, Suite 400, Los Angeles 90013. However, pursuant to Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Declaration of March 4, 2020, and Mayor Garcetti's "Stay at Home Orders", the Boardroom is currently closed to members of the public. For more information and instructions on how to listen to or participate in meetings via phone, or to live stream the meetings on your computer, please visit our website at LAFPP.com.

COMMISSIONER	APPOINTED/ELECTED	TERM EXPIRATION
Brian Pendleton, PRESIDENT	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2023
Kenneth E. Buzzell, VICE PRESIDENT	Elected by Retired Fire Members	June 30, 2025
Corinne T. Babcock	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2024
Adam Nathanson	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2025
Ruben Navarro	Elected by Active Fire Members	June 30, 2022
Pedram Salimpour, MD	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2022
Belinda M. Vega	Appointed by the Mayor	June 30, 2021
Paul M. Weber	Elected by Active Police Members	June 30, 2025
Garrett W. Zimmon	Elected by Retired Police Members	June 30, 2024

For additional Board information, please visit www.lafpp.com/board.

Fast Facts!

As of March 31, 2021*

DROP PROGRAM

Total Entries <i>FY thru 03/31/2021</i>	308
Fire	18
Police	289
Harbor Port Police	1
Airport Police	0
Total Exits <i>FY thru 03/31/2021</i>	280
Fire	60
Police	220
Harbor Port Police	0
Airport Police	0
Total Current Participants	1,511

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership	26,694
Active Members (including DROP)	13,219
Service Pensioners	9,274
Disability Pensioners	1,716
Qualified Survivors	2,485

*This information is unaudited.

2021 CALENDAR

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

July 5	Independence Day Observed
September 6	Labor Day
October 11	Indigenous Peoples Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 24	Christmas Holiday Observed

Our offices will be closed on these holidays, but you can still find information on our website.

BOARD MEETINGS

July 1 & 15	October 7 & 21
August 5 & 19	November 4 & 18
September 2 & 16	December 2 & 16

Please check the **Board of Commissioners** section of our website (www.lafpp.com/meetings) for meeting information.

Our staff is available to assist you Monday through Friday (excluding City holidays) from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm PT. Please refer to the following information to contact us. When calling our toll-free number, (844) 88-LAFPP, please enter the extension number as detailed below.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

ACCOUNTING

(213) 279-3040

(toll-free ext.: 93040)

(213) 628-7782 (Fax)

Email: accounting@lafpp.com

- Form 1099-R (current and prior tax years)
- Workers' Compensation Recapture (balances due, offset inquiries, etc.)

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- Annual Report
- MyLAFPP
- Newsletters
- Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Twitter)
- Website Updates

DISABILITY PENSIONS

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- Disability Pension Inquiries, Processing and Reviews
- Review of Dependent Children/Parent Qualifications

DROP/SERVICE PENSIONS

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- DROP – Information on the Deferred Retirement Option Plan
 - DROP Entry/Exit Inquiries and Processing
 - DROP Member Beneficiary Designation
- Service and Deferred Pension Inquiries and Processing

MEDICAL & DENTAL BENEFITS

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- Health and Dental Insurance Subsidies
- Health Insurance Premium Reimbursement Program
- Medicare Part B Reimbursement
- Year-to-Date Insurance Deduction Totals

RETIREMENT SERVICES

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- Retired Member Records and Information
 - Change of Address
 - Cost of Living Adjustments
 - Direct Deposit
 - Pension Verification Letters (for home loans, etc.)
 - Tax Withholding
- Post-Retirement Marriage Dissolutions
- Retired Member and Qualified Survivor Deaths
- Survivor Benefit Purchases – Post-Retirement Marriages/Domestic Partnerships
- Survivor Pensions

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