



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
JANUARY 26, 2015**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 W., 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, on January 26, 2015 at 10:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Chris Brady, City Manager
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Stephen Lentz (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rick Jaime (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Dwight Doane (For Applicant)
Jackie Hale
Nitra Hawkins
Melanie Humphries
Cynthia Kelley
Gary Manning
Roxana Meicke (Applicant)
Teri Overbey
Tina Rogers

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of November 20, 2014.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of November 20, 2014 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Certification of full-time Firefighters pursuant to A.R.S. §§38-842.24(B), 38-842.27, 38-842.31 and 38-847(D)1.

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that the applicants Bradley Booth, Zachary Castleberry, Jacob Christensen, Justin Crewse, Myles Denego, Michael Flucker, Sean Hale, Kerrie Hawthorne, Ryan Johnson, Johnathan Lake, Matthew Laughlin, Gregory Lords, Danial Marshall, Logan Marx, Jacob Moffat, Bryant Nusser, Scott Prentice, Ryan Sayles, Jeremy Schneider, and Brian Torres, have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that Firefighter applicants Bradley Booth, Zachary Castleberry, Jacob Christensen, Justin Crewse, Myles Denego, Michael Flucker, Sean Hale, Kerrie Hawthorne, Ryan Johnson, Johnathan Lake, Matthew Laughlin, Gregory Lords, Danial Marshall, Logan Marx, Jacob Moffat, Bryant Nusser, Scott Prentice, Ryan Sayles, Jeremy Schneider, and Brian Torres, be certified, subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Fire Engineer Lori Ott.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the Normal Retirement application of Fire Engineer Lori Ott be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Consider termination of deceased member Hal Nichols's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Ramona Nichols, spouse of deceased member.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the normal pension benefit of deceased member Hal Nichols be terminated and the Survivor Benefit application for Ramona Nichols, spouse of deceased member, be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

5. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of December 21, 2014.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of October 21, 2014 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. Certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-842.24(A), 38-842.27, 38-842.31 and 38-847(D)1.

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that the applicants Michael Angulo, Andrew Carr, Christopher Curtis, Jonathan DeVries, Christopher Escobedo, Landon Jones, David Kelley, Sean Kemp, Mark Martinez, Sergio Osuna, Angel Perez, and Jena Thranum, have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Michael Angulo, Andrew Carr, Christopher Curtis, Jonathan DeVries, Christopher Escobedo, Landon Jones, David Kelley, Sean Kemp, Mark Martinez, Sergio Osuna, Angel Perez, and Jena Thranum, be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Officers Tammie Olson and Frank Ybarra.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the DROP applications for Police Officers Tammie Olson and Frank Ybarra be approved.

Carried unanimously.

8. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Police Officer Robert Brown (effective 12/31/14).

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and the application for Normal Retirement (effective 12/31/14), be approved.

Carried unanimously.

9. Consider termination of deceased member Delbert Nielsen's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Louise Nielsen, spouse of deceased member (effective 12/27/14).

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the normal pension benefit of deceased member Delbert Nielsen be terminated and the Survivor Benefit application for Louise Nielsen, spouse of deceased member, be approved.

Carried unanimously.

(The Board recessed at 10:11 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 10:25 a.m.)

10. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Lauren Doane.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Sergeant Dwight Doane, representing Police Officer Lauren Doane, to the meeting. Chairman Raines advised Sergeant Doane that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Laura Don and Glenn Clouse Psy.D. Chairman Raines outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Doane's pending Accidental Disability application.

Sergeant Doane expressed that although Officer Doane has been receiving treatment for over 9 months, she is not improving. He added that each time she has been asked to go over the trauma during medical evaluations, she has had to relive that trauma. Sergeant Doane believes that these evaluations impair her recovery and therapy.

Boardmember Brady advised Sergeant Doane that the independent medical evaluations indicate that Officer Doane does have a total disability at this time. He stated that a temporary disability is an option, however, he is concerned that even with possible improvement, Officer Doane will not be able to return to duty as a Police Officer.

Boardmember Russell inquired as to whether Officer Doane has considered a temporary disability and if it would be a "set-back" for Officer Doane to have to come before the Board again.

Sergeant Doane gave the opinion that a temporary disability process would "break her in half". Sergeant Doane added that even if Officer Doane showed any improvement, she would not improve enough to ever serve as a Police Officer again. Sergeant Doane informed the Board that Officer Doane has done everything her doctors have asked her to do with no improvements.

Boardmember Brady stated that he could foresee her getting to the point of functioning in family life, but cannot see her getting to the point of functioning as a Police Officer again. He advised Sergeant Doane that upon review of the independent medical evaluations and taking into account Sergeant Doane's observations, he would support approval of Officer Doane's Accidental Disability application.

Boardmember Russell stated that he believes the independent medical evaluations do not clearly show that the injury is not permanent and are in fact inconclusive in determining permanence.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability application of Lauren Doane be approved due to her having a mental condition caused by an injury incurred while on duty, totally preventing her from performing a reasonable range of duties within her department, a lack of notable improvement during 9 months of therapy, and inconclusive evidence related to permanence.

Carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Roxana Meicke.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Roxana Meicke to the meeting. Chairman Raines advised Officer Meicke that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Laura Don and Glenn Clouse Psy.D. Chairman Raines noted that although both reports do not support an Accidental Disability retirement, the evaluations do clearly support a Temporary Disability retirement.

Police Officer Roxana Meicke requested that her Accidental Disability application be converted to a Temporary Disability application.

Chairman Raines encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have in regard to Officer Meicke's pending Temporary Disability application.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Temporary Disability application of Roxana Meicke be approved based on the fact that Officer Meicke has a mental condition which totally and temporarily prevents her from performing a reasonable range of duties within her department, and which was incurred during the performance of her duties.

Carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 26th day of January, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK