



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
September 17, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, on September 17, 2015 at 11:03 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Rick Jamie (Fire)

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Billy Cooper  
Nitira Hawkins  
Melanie Jones  
Cynthia Kelley  
David Niederdeppe  
Teri Overbey  
Tina Rogers  
Nikki Sullivan (Applicant)  
Tim Sullivan  
Christy Trevino

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Jaime from the meeting.

(The Board recessed at 11:08 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting at 11:29 a.m.)

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of August 25, 2015.**

It was moved by Boardmember Jones, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of August 25, 2015 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 Paul Burns, Daniel Cathcart, Ashton Caudle, James Collier, Ty Corbin, Douglas Hickethier, Carl Mickelson, and Brian Saheb have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that Firefighter applicants Paul Burns, Daniel Cathcart, Ashton Caudle, James Collier, Ty Corbin, Douglas Hickethier, Carl Mickelson, and Brian Saheb 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 DROP applications of Firefighter Gregory Galvez and Fire Captain Jaye Kreuzer.**

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones that the DROP applications of Firefighter Gregory Galvez and Fire Captain Jaye Kreuzer be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**4. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Nikki Sullivan.**

Chairman Raines welcomed Firefighter Nikki Sullivan and her husband Tim Sullivan to the meeting. Chairman Raines advised Ms. Sullivan that the members of the Local Board have reviewed her application and medical records. Chairman Raines outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Ms. Sullivan's pending Accidental Disability application.

Boardmember Castaneda advised Mr. and Ms. Sullivan that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Jason Salganick and determined that there are conflicts of medical evidence between Dr. Salganick and Nikki's attending physicians.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that pending disability applicant, Firefighter Nikki Sullivan, be referred to an additional local board physician with specialty for a second independent medical evaluation to resolve conflicts in medical evidence.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**5. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Police Officer Scott Breseman.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Police Officer Scott Breseman be approved.

Carried unanimously.

**6. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application for Police Lieutenant Philip Brailsford.**

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Normal Retirement application for Police Lieutenant Philip Brailsford be approved.

Carried unanimously.

**7. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer R. Jones.**

Chairman Raines welcomed Melanie Jones, representing Police Officer R. Jones. Chairman Raines advised Ms. Jones that the members of the Local Board have reviewed the application and medical records. 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 Jones's pending Accidental Disability application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Jones's disabling injury and subsequent treatments.

Chairman Raines stated that in view of the absence of additional questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that pending disability applicant Police Officer R. Jones be referred to local board physicians for independent medical evaluations.

Carried unanimously.

**8. Adjournment.**

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 12:00 p.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 17th day of September, 2015. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.