



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
November 17, 2016**

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 November 17, 2016 at 11:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Barbara Jones, Citizen Member
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Rick Jaime (Fire)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Brady, City Manager
Stephen Lentz (Police)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Conrad Cascio
Gergory Laswell (Applicant)
Michelle Laswell
Holly Nelson
David Niederdeppe
Teri Overbey
Ricardo Perine (Applicant)
Nathan Peterson
Christy Trevino

Chairman Raines excused Boardmembers Brady and Lentz from the meeting.

Chairman Raines announced that he has been appointed to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board for a two-year term beginning on January 1, 2017.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board meeting of October 20, 2016.

It was moved by Boardmember Jones, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board meeting of October 20, 2016 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.

Chairman Raines stated there is a request from Human Resources to table this item to the December meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Jaime, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the certification of full-time Firefighters be tabled until the December Fire Pension Board meeting.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Fire Engineer Lester Gilliam and Fire Engineer Joseph McKenzie.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jaime, that the DROP applications of Fire Engineer Lester Gilliam and Fire Engineer Joseph McKenzie be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Discuss and consider the DROP election revision for Fire Engineer Randy Schumacher.

Chairman Raines stated that the information is not included in the board packet and suggested the item be tabled to a future meeting.

It was moved by Boardmember Jaime, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the DROP election revision for Fire Engineer Randy Schumacher be tabled until the December Fire Pension Board meeting.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Fire Captain Lisa Ross.

It was moved by Boardmember Jaime, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Fire Captain Lisa Ross be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and consider the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Steven Jauregui.

Human Resources Analyst Christy Trevino stated that Steven Jauregui retired as a Police Officer with an Accidental Disability pension in June 2014. She added that he applied for the Public Safety Dispatcher Trainee position in an open competitive recruitment in 2016 and was one of several candidates hired for the position.

In response to questions from the Board, Ms. Trevino further explained that the position is not normally a PSPRS covered position and is not a supervisory position.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jaime, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Steven Jauregui be approved and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and consider the Ordinary Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain Gregory Laswell.

Chairman Raines welcomed Fire Captain Gregory Laswell. He advised Mr. Laswell that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. He outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Mr. Laswell's pending Ordinary Disability application.

Discussion ensued relative to Mr. Laswell'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 Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jaime, that Ordinary Disability Retirement Applicant Fire Captain Gregory Laswell be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation by a Local Board Physician.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:18 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 11:25 a.m.)

8. 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 Douglas Allen, Brittany Corbett, Raul Flores, Craig Gunnell, Justin Harris-El, David Kelley, Michael Kneuppel, Kimberly Kurian, Nicholas Plott, Brett Rustin, Connor Standridge, and Timothy Wolff have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that Law Enforcement applicants Douglas Allen, Brittany Corbett, Raul Flores, Craig Gunnell, Justin Harris-El, David Kelley, Michael Kneuppel, Kimberly Kurian, Nicholas Plott, Brett Rustin, Connor Standridge, and Timothy Wolff be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Police Sergeant Domenick Kaufman.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the DROP application of Police Sergeant Domenick Kaufman be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Police Officer Jeninne Thomas-Kroehnert.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Police Officer Jeninne Thomas-Kroehnert be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Discuss and consider the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Jonathan Andrews.

Human Resources Administrator Teri Overbey stated that Jonathan Andrews retired normally as a Police Officer in 2012 and applied for Code Compliance Officer in 2016 through an open competitive recruitment process. She added that this position is not a PSPRS covered position and is non-supervisory.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Jonathan Andrews be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

12. Consider termination of deceased member Delmas Ballentyne's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Janice Ballentyne, spouse of deceased member, effective 10/28/2016.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the termination of deceased member Delmas Ballentyne's normal pension benefit and the Survivor Benefit application for Janice Ballentyne, spouse of deceased member, effective 10/28/2016, be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

13. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Ricardo Perine.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Ricardo Perine to the meeting. He advised Officer Perine that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. He outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Perine's pending Accidental Disability application.

Boardmember Russell stated that Dr. Song indicated in the IME report under question two and in question number five of form P5-LB-A, a possible pre-existing condition which became problematic at the time of the injury. The Board considers that conflict resolved due to the pre-employment medical screening in the board packet, which states upon his certification date of July 16, 1998, that Officer Perine had no pre-existing conditions prior to his date of membership in PSPRS.

Chairman Raines advised Officer Perine that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Edward Song. He noted that Dr. Song is in agreement with the findings of Officer Perine's attending physician, that Officer Perine's condition permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties, and that any conflicts in the medical evidence have been resolved by the Local Board.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Ricardo Perine be approved and that the board has resolved any conflict in the medical evidence.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Raines thanked Officer Perine for his service to the City.

14. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:34 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 17th day of November, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK