



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
MAY 18, 2017**

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 May 18, 2017 at 11:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Castillo (Applicant)
Billy Cooper
Nitira Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Erin Ouano
Teri Overbey
Christy Trevino
Robert Tribbensee

(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 Brady from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 11:04 a.m.

(The Local Fire and Police Pension Boards recessed at 11:10 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting at 11:24 a.m.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of April 20, 2017.

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 April 20, 2017 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Fire Captain Dallas Brown, Fire Captain Jeffrey Mitchell, and Fire Engineer R. David Potter.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller, that the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Fire Captain Dallas Brown, Fire Captain Jeffrey Mitchell, and Fire Engineer R. David Potter be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Gregory Laswell.

Chairman Raines welcomed Deputy Fire Chief Robert Tribbensee to the meeting.

Boardmembers posed questions to Mr. Tribbensee regarding the recruitment process for the position.

Mr. Tribbensee indicated that the recruitment process had not yet been completed and was not able to answer all of the Local Board's questions regarding the pending re-hire.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Jones that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Gregory Laswell be tabled.

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

4. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of April 26, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of April 26, 2017 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Assistant Police Chief Tony Filler and Police Officer Troy Lepird.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the DROP applications of Assistant Police Chief Tony Filler and Police Officer Troy Lepird be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officers Robert Daily, Trevor Honomichl, and Gordon Leitz.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officers Robert Daily, Trevor Honomichl, and Gordon Leitz be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Assistant Police Chief Michael Soelberg.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Normal Retirement application of Assistant Police Chief Michael Soelberg be approved.

Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Edward Castillo.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Sergeant Edward Castillo to the meeting. He advised Sergeant Castillo 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 Sergeant Castillo's pending Accidental Disability application.

Chairman Raines advised Sergeant Castillo that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Laura Don and Glenn Clouse, Psy. D. He indicated that while Dr. Don and Mr. Clouse disagree as to the permanence of the condition, the Local Board must rely on Dr. Don's evaluation to be in accordance with statute requirements. He noted that Dr. Don is in agreement with the findings of Sergeant Castillo's attending physician, that Sergeant Castillo'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. He added 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 Lentz that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Edward Castillo be approved.

Chairman Raines thanked Police Sergeant Edward Castillo for his service to the City.

Carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:10 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 18th day of May, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.