



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
NOVEMBER 16, 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 November 16, 2017 at 11:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Tiller (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Lily Altavena
Will Biascoechea
Billy Cooper
Tyler Halter
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Troy Lepird (Applicant)
Holly Nelson
Erin Ouano
Teri Overbey
Marc Therre

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Tiller from the meeting.

Boardmember Lentz participated in the meeting through the use of telephonic equipment.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meetings of September 21, 2017 and October 19, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of September 21, 2017 be approved.

Boardmember Jones abstained from voting.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of October 19, 2017 be approved.

Chairman Raines and Boardmember Brady abstained from voting.

Boardmember Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Fire Captain Randy Budd, Fire Captain Mark Huguenard, and Battalion Chief Steven Ward.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the DROP applications of Fire Captain Randy Budd, Fire Captain Mark Huguenard, and Battalion Chief Steven Ward be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Fire Captain Richard Griner.

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

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

4. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of August 30, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of August 30, 2017 be approved.

Chairman Raines and Boardmember Russell abstained from voting.

Boardmember Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

5. 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 Ryan Amwake, Leticia Angulo, Anthony Bonilla, Emmanuel Donovan, Brandon Konecny, Marcos Perez, and Julia Soave have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Ryan Amwake, Leticia Angulo, Anthony Bonilla, Emmanuel Donovan, Brandon Konecny, Marcos Perez, and Julia Soave be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Sergeant Dwayne Lunsford and Police Officer Michael Myers.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the DROP applications of Police Sergeant Dwayne Lunsford and Police Officer Michael Myers be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. Approve the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officers Chip Jones and Vito Sessions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officers Chip Jones and Vito Sessions be approved.

Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Troy Lepird.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Troy Lepird to the meeting. He advised Officer Lepird that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation (IME) of Dr. Ralph Wilson and found the report and attached form to be contradictory and incomplete.

Boardmember Russell explained that Dr. Wilson indicated in his report that Officer Lepird may benefit from more aggressive treatment, such as surgery, and may not have been comfortable answering questions regarding permanence due to additional treatment options that are available. He added that it is not the Board's role to mandate a medical procedure.

Boardmember Brady asked Officer Lepird if he is considering additional treatment options.

Officer Lepird responded that his orthopedic physician recommended against surgery and other aggressive treatment options, so he is not considering additional treatment options at this time.

Discussion ensued regarding whether the Board can take action with the provided IME. Local Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley suggested that the Board draft a letter to Dr. Wilson, indicating that Officer Lepird is not seeking further treatment options, requesting that Dr. Wilson answer all questions listed on the Accidental Disability Questionnaire, and asking clarifying questions to resolve any conflicting statements in the original IME report.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Troy Lepird be continued in order to obtain a clear and complete IME from Dr. Ralph Wilson.

Carried unanimously.

9. Conduct a rehearing to discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application denied on August 17, 2017 for Police Officer Todd Pascarella at the request of the applicant.

Chairman Raines stated that Officer Pascarella was not present. He encouraged members to begin discussion on the submitted application and rehearing request.

Boardmember Lentz stated that the request for rehearing includes a new claim as to the cause of disability. He concluded that he needs time to gather information and to consult with attorneys regarding what additional information should be provided to the Board.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the rehearing to discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application denied on August 17, 2017 for Police Officer Todd Pascarella at the request of the applicant be continued until the December meeting.

Carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:30 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 16th day of November, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

VW

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK