



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
April 20, 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 April 20, 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)
Chris Tiller (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kurt Castaneda (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Billy Cooper
Rob Gamberdella
Denise Hatisch
Nitra Hawkins
Gary Manning
Corey Nehrenz
Jamie Nehrenz (Applicant)
Kalin Nehrenz
Erin Ouano
Teri Overbey
Tina Rogers
Christy Trevino
Troy Walter

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 16, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 16, 2017 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Fire and Police Pension Boards recessed at 11:03 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting at 11:22 a.m.)

2. Discuss and consider Local Board rehire policies and procedures.

Chairman Raines stated that a memo will be sent to Human Resources and distributed to the departments, clarifying Local Board review of rehires, including temporary agency rehires. He explained that the Local Board review of rehires is essential to protect the best interests of retirees, the City, and PSPRS.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Firefighter Ronald Bigness, effective 3/3/2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Tiller, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Firefighter Ronald Bigness, effective 3/3/2017 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Discuss and consider the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Steven Jauregui.

Chairman Raines welcomed Senior Human Resources Analyst Christy Trevino to the meeting. He asked Ms. Trevino to speak regarding the reclassification of re-hired member Steven Jauregui.

Ms. Trevino reported that Steven Jauregui retired as a Police Officer in June 2014 and was approved by the Local Board to return to work as a Public Safety Dispatcher Trainee with the Fire Department in November 2016. She indicated that Mr. Jauregui is completing all required training and will be eligible for a criteria-based promotion to Public Safety Dispatcher, a non-supervisory position not covered by PSPRS, by mid May.

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 Tiller, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Steven Jauregui be approved as within the statute requirements.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Acknowledge the termination of the pension benefit of deceased member Tanner Barton.

It was moved by Boardmember Tiller, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the termination of the pension benefit of deceased member Tanner Barton be acknowledged.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:29 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

6. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Police Officer Alfredo Suarez.

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 Alfredo Suarez be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. Consider termination of deceased member Jesus Haro's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Gayle K. Haro, spouse of deceased member, effective 3/15/2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the termination of deceased member Jesus Haro's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Gayle K. Haro, spouse of deceased member, effective 3/15/2017 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

8. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Jamie Nehrenz.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Jamie Nehrenz to the meeting. He advised Officer Nehrenz 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 Nehrenz's pending Accidental Disability application.

Chairman Raines advised Officer Nehrenz 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 Officer Nehrenz's attending physician, that Officer Nehrenz'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 Officer Jamie Nehrenz be approved.

Chairman Raines thanked Police Officer Jamie Nehrenz for his service to the City.

Carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:36 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 20th day of April, 2017. 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