



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
December 15, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, on December 15, 2016 at 11:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Edward Castillo (Applicant)  
Roy Dunkelbarger (Applicant)  
Nitra Hawkins  
Holly Nelson  
David Niederdeppe  
Erin Ouano  
Teri Overbey  
Tina Rogers

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Brady from the meeting.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:03 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 11:17 a.m.)

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Jaime from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 11:18 a.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of November 17, 2016.

It was moved by Boardmember Jones, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of November 17, 2016 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

### **FIRE PENSION BOARD**

**2. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Fire Engineer Daniel Campbell.**

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jaime, that the DROP application of Fire Engineer Daniel Campbell be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Jaime, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the DROP election revision to change the date of DROP entry from 5/31/2016 to 6/12/2016 for Fire Engineer Randy Schumacher, be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

### **POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**4. 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 Tyler Biley, Lyn Buzuleciu, Scott Engelby, Amanda Heutzenroeder, Sarah Jaquette, Marques Maldonado, Hilario Macias, Natalie Massey, Brett Mejia, Rudy Monarrez, Andrew Tafoya, and Raymond Tulkki have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that Law Enforcement applicants Tyler Biley, Lyn Buzuleciu, Scott Engelby, Amanda Heutzenroeder, Sarah Jaquette, Marques Maldonado, Hilario Macias, Natalie Massey, Brett Mejia, Rudy Monarrez, Andrew Tafoya, and Raymond Tulkki be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

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 Retirements of Police Officer David Enriquez, Police Sergeant Arlene Heckel, Police Chief John Meza, and Police Officer Julie Shelley.**

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 Retirement of Police Officer David Enriquez, Police Sergeant Arlene Heckel, Police Chief John Meza, and Police Officer Julie Shelley be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. 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.

In response to questions posed by Boardmembers, Sergeant Castillo confirmed that his current modified duty assignment is appropriate and allows him to continue treatment, which is progressing slowly.

Boardmember Russell asked Sergeant Castillo if he would be comfortable with continuing the current modified duty assignment for another 60 days while continuing treatment. Sergeant Castillo agreed that he would be comfortable for another 60 days.

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 Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Edward Castillo be tabled for 60 days to allow him to continue treatment while in an appropriate modified duty assignment.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of retired Police Officer Roy Dunkelbarger.

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

In response to questions posed by Boardmembers, Officer Dunkelbarger explained that he retired early from DROP in order to accept a position with another employer in which he is performing substantially similar duties to the position which he retired from. He further indicated that he did not retire due to a reason of disability.

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 Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of retired Police Officer Roy Dunkelbarger be denied due to terminating employment in order to accept another position substantially similar to the one from which he retired, and not due to a disability.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:41 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 15th day of December, 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