



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
April 21, 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 April 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager  
Rick Jaime (Fire)

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lisa Barrientos (Applicant)  
Billy Cooper  
Jackie Hale  
Nitra Hawkins  
Gary Manning  
James McCollum (Applicant)  
David Niederdeppe  
Erin Ouano  
Teri Overbey  
John Rolfe (Applicant)  
Christy Trevino

Chairman Raines excused Boardmembers Brady and Jaime from the meeting.

(The Board recessed at 11:07 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting at 11:23 a.m.)

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

It was moved by Boardmember Jones, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 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 Firefighter Douglas Brown.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the DROP application of Firefighter Douglas Brown 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 Engineer Joe Boardman.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones, that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and the application for the Normal Retirement of Fire Engineer Joe Boardman be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Consider termination of deceased member Melvin Epps's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Frances Epps, spouse of deceased member, effective 4/9/2016.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones that the normal pension benefit of deceased member Melvin Epps be terminated and the Survivor Benefit application for Frances Epps, spouse of deceased member, be approved, effective 4/9/2016.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Conduct a rehearing to discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application denied on December 17, 2015 for Fire Captain James McCollum at the request of the applicant.

Chairman Raines welcomed Fire Captain James McCollum to the meeting. He advised Mr. McCollum that the Board has reviewed the additional documentation he provided for consideration in regard to rehearing his Accidental Disability Retirement application and invited Mr. McCollum to speak before the Board.

Mr. McCollum stated that he feels there is satisfactory documentation of his disabling injury to justify an Independent Medical Evaluation and asked the Board to reconsider their previous decision.

Discussion ensued relative to the applicant's disabling injury and subsequent treatments.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jones that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Fire Captain James McCollum be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Raines asked staff to work with legal counsel in drafting additional questions regarding pre-existing conditions and off-duty activities for the Local Board Physician to address.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**6. 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 Matthew Chuey, Emily Clark, William Coffey, Jeffrey Covington, Brandon DeLong, Chris Iwan, Christopher Jenkins, Heather Kennedy, Amanda Maxon, Jay McNeil, Eliseo Paramo, and Noel Sanchez have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Matthew Chuey, Emily Clark, William Coffey, Jeffrey Covington, Brandon DeLong, Chris Iwan, Christopher Jenkins, Heather Kennedy, Amanda Maxon, Jay McNeil, Eliseo Paramo, and Noel Sanchez be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**7. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Officers Lisa Barrientos and John Sharkey.**

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the DROP applications of Police Officers Lisa Barrientos and John Sharkey be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**8. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Sergeant Charles Langley, Police Officer Charles Lybarger, and Police Officer Michael Traficano.**

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 Retirements of Police Sergeant Charles Langley, Police Officer Charles Lybarger, and Police Officer Michael Traficano be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**9. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Police Commander John Williams.**

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the Normal Retirement application of Police Commander John Williams be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**10. Consider termination of deceased member Ronald Baran's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Linda Baran, spouse of deceased member, effective 3/27/2016.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the normal pension benefit of deceased member Ronald Baran be terminated and the Survivor Benefit application for Linda Baran, spouse of deceased member, be approved, effective 3/27/2016.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Consider termination of deceased member Paul Rasmussen's normal pension benefit and approval of the Survivor Benefit application for Lisa Rasmussen, spouse of deceased member, effective 4/7/2016.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the normal pension benefit of deceased member Paul Rasmussen be terminated and the Survivor Benefit application for Lisa Rasmussen, spouse of deceased member, be approved, effective 4/7/2016.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

12. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Sergeant (Retired) John Rolfe.

The applicant withdrew his Accidental Disability Retirement application.

13. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:43 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 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