



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE
January 13, 2016**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 W., 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, on January 13, 2016 at 1:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Chris Brady, City Manager
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Rick Jaime (Fire)
Barbara Jones, Citizen Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
David McRae (Applicant)
Patricia McRae
David Niederdeppe
Teri Overbey
Christy Trevino

(The Board recessed at 1:07 p.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board meeting at 1:46 p.m.)

FIRE PENSION BOARD

1. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Fire Investigator Jeff Flocken and Fire Captain Barry Smart.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Jaime that the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and the applications for the Normal Retirements of Fire Investigator Jeff Flocken and Fire Captain Barry Smart be approved.

Carried unanimously.

2. Approve the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirement of Fire Captain David McRae.

It was moved by Boardmember Jaime, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda that the election to terminate participation in the DROP program and the application for the Normal Retirement of Fire Captain David McRae be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain David McRae.

Chairman Raines welcomed Fire Captain David McRae to the meeting and invited him to speak before the Board.

In support of his application to retire by reason of accidental disability, Mr. McRae presented information to the Board regarding previous board decisions on Accidental Disability retirements occurring at or near the end of DROP.

Boardmember Brady questioned Mr. McRae regarding his injury timeline and corresponding Worker's Compensation claim process.

Mr. McRae explained that his injury was not determined to be permanent until August of 2015, at which time he applied to reopen his Worker's Compensation claim, and ultimately applied for Accidental Disability retirement.

In response to a question from Chairman Raines, Safety Services Administrator Nitra Hawkins briefly explained the Worker's Compensation claim process and timeline, emphasizing that the process does take considerable time to work through.

Chairman Raines advised Mr. McRae that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Michael Seivert, and noted that Dr. Seivert is in agreement with the findings of Mr. McRae's attending physician and that, in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Jaime that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain David McRae be approved due to him having a permanent physical condition, caused by injury incurred while on duty, which totally prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Raines-Brady-Jaime-Jones
NAYS – Castaneda

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried by majority vote.

Chairman Raines thanked Fire Captain David McRae for his service to the City.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 13th day of January, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.