



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
DECEMBER 21, 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 December 21, 2017 at 11:00 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)
Chris Tiller (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk
Melissa Hollenbeck, City Clerk Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Will Biascoechea
Da'Shira Craig
Tyler Halter
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Mark Kelly
Neil Landeen
Troy Lepird (Applicant)
David Niederdeppe
Erin Ouano
Teri Overbey
Todd Pascarella (Applicant)

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

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

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Fire Engineer Jerry Bevan.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller, that the DROP application of Fire Engineer Jerry Bevan be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Fire Captain Gilbert Velasquez.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller, that the Normal Retirement application of Fire Captain Gilbert Velasquez be approved.

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:03 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 Andrew Kern, Tyson Koehn, and Agustin Martinez Jr. have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Andrew Kern, Tyson Koehn, and Agustin Martinez Jr. be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Police Lieutenant Tim McClary.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the DROP application of Police Lieutenant Tim McClary be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Police Commander Jeffrey Thompson.

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

Carried unanimously.

7. 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 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 Lepird's pending Accidental Disability application.

Chairman Raines advised Officer Lepird that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Michael Seivert. He noted that Dr. Seivert is in agreement with the findings of Officer Lepird's attending physician, that Officer Lepird's condition is the result of an event incurred during the performance of his duty and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties. He stated that any conflicts in medical evidence due to Dr. Wilson's incomplete report have been resolved by the report completed by Dr. Seivert. 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 Troy Lepird be approved.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Raines thanked Police Officer Troy Lepird for his service to the City.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:08 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 11:31 a.m.)

8. 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 welcomed Police Officer Todd Pascarella and his attorney Neil Landeen to the meeting. He advised Officer Pascarella that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application, medical records, and additional documentation submitted for the rehearing. He outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Pascarella's pending Accidental Disability application.

Discussion ensued regarding the rehearing brief submitted to the Board, indicating a new incident dated March 2015 as the cause of injury, which differs from the incident listed on the Accidental Disability Retirement application. Several Boardmembers commented that there is no medical evidence of treatment for the incident identified in the rehearing brief.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the decision to deny the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Todd Pascarella be reaffirmed.

Carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:58 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 21st day of December, 2017. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.