



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
FEBRUARY 26, 2018**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Personnel Conference Room 2, 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, on February 26, 2018 at 8:01 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

OTHERS PRESENT

Eloy Garza
Steven Hash
Nitra Hawkins
Brian Jutting
Gary Manning
David Niederdeppe
Teri Overbey
James Pollard (Applicant)
Tina Rogers
Christy Trevino

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 21, 2017.

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 December 21, 2017 be approved.

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Fire Captain Bryan Jeffries.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller that the DROP application of Fire Captain Bryan Jeffries be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Giovanni Mustaca.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Tiller that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Giovanni Mustaca be continued.

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 8:03 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

4. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of January 18, 2018.

Chairman Raines abstained from voting due to being absent from the meeting of January 18, 2018.

It was moved by Boardmember Jones, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of January 18, 2018 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

5. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of December 11, 2017.

Boardmembers Jones and Russell abstained from voting due to being absent from the meeting of December 11, 2017.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of December 11, 2017 be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

6. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Officer Scott Pietrzak and Police Lieutenant Steven Pugh.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the DROP applications of Police Officer Scott Pietrzak and Police Lieutenant Steven Pugh be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Police Officer Scott Purington and making documentation supporting the permanent disability of Houston Purington, dependent of Police Officer Scott Purington, part of the permanent record.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the DROP application of Police Officer Scott Purington be approved and that documentation supporting the permanent disability of Houston Purington, dependent of Police Officer Scott Purington, be part of the permanent record.

Carried unanimously.

8. Approve the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer Mark Gonzales, Police Officer David Holden, Police Sergeant Domenick Kaufman, Police Lieutenant John Raschke, and Police Officer Kenneth Walker.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer Mark Gonzales, Police Officer David Holden, Police Sergeant Domenick Kaufman, Police Lieutenant John Raschke, and Police Officer Kenneth Walker be approved.

Carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and consider the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Denny Walker.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Normal Retirement application of Police Officer Denny Walker be approved.

Carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and consider the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Frank Hoglund.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Liaison Eloy Garza to the meeting.

Mr. Garza explained that the Code Compliance Officer Trainee position was originally recruited as a full-time, non-temporary position, but was later changed to a temporary position. He stated that an open and competitive recruitment process was used, resulting in five people being offered the temporary position, and only Mr. Hoglund accepted the temporary position.

Chairman Raines stated that the Board has reviewed the job description for Code Compliance Officer Trainee, which is an entry level, non-supervisory position, and found it to be substantially different from the position which Mr. Hoglund retired. He added that Mr. Hoglund has exceeded the one year wait period for re-hire.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Jones that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Frank Hoglund be approved as within the statute requirements. (Effective 3/5/2018)

Carried unanimously.

11. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer James Pollard.

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

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Pollard's disabling injury and subsequent treatments.

Chairman Raines stated 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 Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer James Pollard be referred to local board physicians for independent medical evaluations.

Carried unanimously.

12. Discuss and consider litigation against the Local Board seeking reversal of the determination on Todd Pascarella's Disability application.

This item was discussed in Executive Session. No motion was made on this item.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 8:23 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 8:42 a.m.)

13. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 8:42 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 26th day of February, 2018. 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