



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
MAY 17, 2018**

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 May 17, 2018 at 11:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Chris Brady, City Manager
Barbara Jones, Citizen Member
Stephen Lentz (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)
Chris Tiller (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kurt Castaneda (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Billy Cooper
Steven Hash (Applicant)
Nitra Hawkins
David Niederdeppe
Teri Overbey
Nate Peterson
Michael Pezzelle (Applicant)
James Pollard (Applicant)
Tina Rogers

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Castaneda from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of April 19, 2018.

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 April 19, 2018 be approved.

Chairman Raines abstained from voting due to being absent from the meeting of April 19, 2018.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Battalion Chief Glenn Crabtree, Firefighter Kenneth Fleming, Fire Captain Brian Hall, and Firefighter Juan Ramos.

It was moved by Boardmember Tiller, seconded by Boardmember Brady that the DROP applications of Battalion Chief Glenn Crabtree, Firefighter Kenneth Fleming, Fire Captain Brian Hall, and Firefighter Juan Ramos be approved.

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

3. Approve the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer David Garcia, Police Liaison Eloy Garza, and Police Officer Ramon Valle.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer David Garcia, Police Liaison Eloy Garza, and Police Officer Ramon Valle be approved.

Carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and consider approval of the Survivor Benefit application of Norma Edmons, spouse of deceased member Jack Edmons, effective 3/30/2018.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Survivor Benefit application of Norma Edmons, spouse of deceased member Jack Edmons, effective 3/30/2018, be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Steven Hash.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Steven Hash to the meeting. He advised Officer Hash 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 Hash's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Hash'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 Steven Hash be sent to a Local Board Physician for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Michael Pezzelle.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Michael Pezzelle to the meeting. He advised Officer Pezzelle 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 Pezzelle's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Pezzelle'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 Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Michael Pezzelle be sent to Local Board Physicians for Independent Medical Evaluations.

Carried unanimously.

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

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer James Edward 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 Retirement application.

Chairman Raines advised Officer Pollard that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Lisa Jones and Glenn Clouse, Psy. D. He indicated that while Dr. Jones and Mr. Clouse disagree as to the permanence of the condition, the Local Board must rely on Dr. Jones's evaluation to be in accordance with statute requirements. He noted that Dr. Jones is in agreement with the findings of Officer Pollard's attending physician, that Officer Pollard's condition was incurred in the performance of duty, that his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification, and that any conflicts in medical evidence have been resolved by the Local Board. 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 James Edward Pollard be approved.

Carried unanimously.

Chairman Raines thanked Police Officer James Edward Pollard for his service to the City.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:25 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 17th day of May, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.