



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
JULY 19, 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 July 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Barbara Jones, Citizen Member  
Stephen Lentz (Police)  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bryan Raines, Chairman  
Chris Brady, City Manager  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)  
Chris Tiller (Fire)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Gene Dufoe  
Nate Gafvert  
Nitra Hawkins  
Patty King  
Brandon Lavin  
Erica Moser (Applicant)  
Holly Nelson  
Michael Pezzelle (Applicant)  
Tina Rogers

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Acting Chairman Jones excused Chairman Raines and Boardmembers Brady, Castaneda, and Tiller from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of May 17, 2018.

Continued due to a lack of a quorum for this item.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of June 21, 2018.

Continued due to a lack of a quorum for this item.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

3. Discuss and consider the DROP application of Fire Captain Blaine Ruddy.

Continued due to a lack of a quorum for this item.

**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 Shaine Bellows, Nicole Bover, Madison Fotiades, Kaylon Hall, Talmage Johnson, John Madsen, John Manning, Brandon Milek, Kyler Newby, and Kyle Tomlinson have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Shaine Bellows, Nicole Bover, Madison Fotiades, Kaylon Hall, Talmage Johnson, John Madsen, John Manning, Brandon Milek, Kyler Newby, and Kyle Tomlinson be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Jones-Lentz-Russell  
ABSENT – Raines-Brady-Castaneda-Tiller

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**5. Discuss and consider the DROP applications of Police Officer Joachim Dankanich and Police Officer Jose Pena.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the DROP applications of Police Officer Joachim Dankanich and Police Officer Jose Pena be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Jones-Lentz-Russell  
ABSENT – Raines-Brady-Castaneda-Tiller

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**6. Approve the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Police Officer Vicki Hixson, Police Officer Michael Myers and Police Officer Gregory Odell.**

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 Vicki Hixson, Police Officer Michael Myers, and Police Officer Gregory Odell be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Jones-Lentz-Russell  
ABSENT – Raines-Brady-Castaneda-Tiller

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:06 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 11:17 a.m.)

7. Discuss and consider the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Erica Moser.

Acting Chairman Jones welcomed Police Officer Erica Moser to the meeting. She advised Officer Moser that the members of the Local Board have reviewed her application and medical records. She outlined the process that would be followed by the Board and encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Moser's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

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

Acting Chairman Jones stated that in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, she 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 Erica Moser, be sent to Local Board Physicians for Independent Medical Evaluations.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Jones-Lentz-Russell  
ABSENT – Raines-Brady-Castaneda-Tiller

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Acting Chairman Jones welcomed Police Officer Michael Pezzelle to the meeting. She advised Officer Pezzelle that the members of the Local Board have reviewed his application and medical records. She 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.

Acting Chairman Jones advised Officer Pezzelle that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Lisa Jones and Glenn Clouse, Psy. D. She indicated that while Dr. Jones and Mr. Clouse disagree with each other regarding the condition totally and permanently preventing Officer Pezzelle from performing a reasonable range of duties, the Local Board must rely on Dr. Jones's evaluation to be in accordance with statute requirements. She noted that Dr. Jones is in agreement with the findings of Officer Pezzelle's attending physician, that Officer Pezzelle's condition was incurred in the performance of his 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 the medical evidence have been resolved by the Local Board. She added that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she 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 Michael Pezzelle be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Jones-Lentz-Russell  
ABSENT – Raines-Brady-Castaneda-Tiller

Acting Chairman Jones declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Acting Chairman Jones thanked Police Officer Michael Pezzelle for his service to the City.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:20 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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