



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
JANUARY 20, 2022**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the City Clerk's Conference Room, Suite 150, 20 E. Main Street, January 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was conducted via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brady, City Manager*
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)*
Stephen Lentz (Police)*
Ryan A. Russell (Police)*
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)*
David Silides (Fire)*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman*

STAFF PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk*
Holly Moseley, Deputy City Clerk*

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole Fazzio*
Jacob Harris* (Applicant)
Cynthia Kelley*
Teri Overbey*
Sean Stoddard* (Applicant)

(* Participated in the meeting via a virtual format.)

Acting Chair Sheppard excused Chairman Raines from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 16, 2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 16, 2021 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

ABSTAIN – Brady

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

2. Discuss status of Model Procedures.

Local Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley stated that she had hoped that the final form of the revised Model Uniform Procedures would be ready, however, adjustments are still being made. She suggested this item be continued until the final version is ready.

3. Take action regarding the appointment of a Local Board Secretary, effective January 28, 2022.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Deputy City Clerk Holly Moseley be appointed as Local Board Secretary, effective January 28, 2022.

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

4. Discuss and take action on the Survivor Benefit application for Susan Crockett, spouse of deceased member James Crockett, effective 12/15/2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides that the Survivor Benefit application for Susan Crockett, spouse of deceased member James Crockett, effective 12/15/2021, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

5. 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 applicants Daniel Brown, Cameron Cone, Zachary Flahive, Deven Gosha, Sara Khachame, Giuliano Nardulli, Nathan Rhodes, Nathan Szeneri, Nadine Tillawi, and Derric Webb have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Law Enforcement applicants Daniel Brown, Cameron Cone, Zachary Flahive, Deven Gosha, Sara Khachame, Giuliano Nardulli, Nathan Rhodes, Nathan Szeneri, Nadine Tillawi, and Derric Webb be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Survivor Benefit application for Denise Lane, spouse of deceased member Lawrence Lane, effective 12/12/2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Survivor Benefit application for Denise Lane, spouse of deceased member Lawrence Lane, effective 12/12/2021, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Acknowledge the death of Police Officer Mitchell Winters and take action on the Designated Beneficiary application for Elizabeth Winters, effective 11/12/2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that the death of Police Officer Mitchell Winters be acknowledged and the Designated Beneficiary application for Elizabeth Winters, effective 11/12/2021, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jacob Harris.

Acting Chair Sheppard welcomed Police Officer Jacob Harris to the meeting. She stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer Harris' application and medical records. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Harris' pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell thanked Officer Harris for continuing treatment during the sixty-day continuation and for the updated records provided to the Local Board.

Acting Chair Sheppard indicated 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 Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Jacob Harris be sent for Independent Medical Evaluations.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Sean Stoddard.

Acting Chair Sheppard welcomed Police Officer Sean Stoddard to the meeting. She advised Officer Stoddard that the members of the Local Board have reviewed the Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) report from Dr. Jody Reiser. She encouraged Boardmembers to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Stoddard's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell advised Officer Stoddard that the Local Board has reviewed the IME report from Dr. Jody Reiser. He indicated that Dr. Reiser agrees with the findings of Officer Stoddard's attending physician, that Officer Stoddard's condition was incurred in the performance of his duty, and that his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification. He added that the Local Board has resolved any conflict regarding a pre-existing condition due to exposure in the military as there is no documentation that exposure in the military contributed at all to his current condition.

Local Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley expressed agreement with Boardmember Russell and stated that Officer Stoddard passed a pre-employment physical after being in the military and successfully performed his duties as a Police Officer for over a decade prior to the on-duty accident that solely caused his condition.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Sean Stoddard be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Boardmember Brady thanked Officer Stoddard for his service to the City.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:34 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 20th day of January 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK