



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
ACTION MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2025**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 W, 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, April 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Chris Fifield (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien
Ryan A. Russell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Brady, City Manager

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Steven Aguilar, Deputy City Clerk
Vera Warhurst, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathryn Baillie
Eric Brunyer (Applicant)
Melissa Green
Laura Henson (Applicant)
Emily Nichols
Brett Oberly (Applicant)
Crystal Parks
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Chris Brady from the entire meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 20, 2025.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 20, 2025, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

At the request of Chairperson Mickelsen, the Local Police Pension Board convened prior to the Local Fire Pension Board at 11:02 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 11:02 a.m.

6. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of March 20, 2025.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 20, 2025, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Acknowledge receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires.

Receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires was acknowledged. **(See attachment 1)**

8. 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.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

~~9. Conduct a hearing and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jeffrey Covington.~~

This item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

10. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sargeant Laura Henson.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Sergeant Laura Henson, be sent for an independent medical evaluation.

AYES – Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 11:07 a.m.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board meeting of March 25, 2025.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 25, 2025, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Fire Pension Board recessed at 11:08 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:42 a.m.)

3. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Joshua Grandinetti to Civilian Paramedic.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Joshua Grandinetti, to Civilian Paramedic be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Eric Brunyer.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Firefighter Eric Brunyer, be sent for an independent medical evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Engineer Brett Oberly.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Fire Engineer Brett Oberly, be sent for an independent medical evaluation with supplemental questions in addition to the accidental disability questionnaire.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:42 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 Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of April 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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