



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the upper-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, September 19, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair*
Chris Brady, City Manager
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Chris Fifield (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Deputy City Manager)
Nick Lien (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Vanessa Liristis, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Adams (Applicant)
Felicia Aguirre
Jessica Campbell
Yolanda Fierros
Melissa Green
Richard Harp (Applicant)
Nitra Hawkins
Kelli Holder
Cynthia Kelley
Teri Overbey
Crystal Parks
Stacie Peyton
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers
Colleen Wisdom

(*Participated telephonically.)

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 29, 2024.

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 29, 2024 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

2. Consider the appointment of Joel Parker, M.D. as a Local Board Physician in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B).

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the appointment of Joel Parker, M.D. as a Local Board Physician in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B) be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS - None
ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. Certification of full-time Firefighters pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-842.24(B), 38-842.27, 38-842.31 and 38-847(D)1.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the certification of full-time Firefighters pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-842.24(B), 38-842.27, 38-842.31 and 38-847(D)1 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Richard Harp.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Firefighter Richard Harp, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

Receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires was acknowledged.

6. 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 - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator III.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator III be approved.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m.)

8. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Joseph Adams.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Joseph Adams be denied.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

9. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jeffrey Covington.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Police Officer Jeffrey Covington, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 19th day of September 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK