



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
OCTOBER 19, 2023**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170, 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, October 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mayra Araujo  
Travis Goodrich  
Nitra Hawkins  
Tori Kace  
Cynthia Kelley  
John LaFontaine (Applicant)  
Teri Overbey  
Crystal Parks  
Tina Rogers  
Brandon Wall (Applicant)  
Blaine Waters

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of August 17, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of August 17, 2023 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard-Silides  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

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

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

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard-Silides  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

3. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of September 21, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of September 21, 2023 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – None  
ABSTAIN - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

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 applicants Gage Fenelon, Noah Parsons, and Shanna Williams have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Gage Fenelon, Noah Parsons, and Shanna Williams be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Matthew Slaughter to Police Hiring Coordinator.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Matthew Slaughter retired effective 8/1/2017 and recently competed in an open, competitive recruitment process for the civilian, non-supervisory, non-PSPRS position of Police Hiring Coordinator.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Matthew Slaughter to Police Hiring Coordinator, effective 10/30/2023, be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer John LaFontaine.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer John LaFontaine to the meeting. She stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer LaFontaine's application and medical records. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer LaFontaine's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer LaFontaine's injuries, subsequent treatments, and current condition.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer John LaFontaine, be sent for an independent medical evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Brandon Wall.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Brandon Wall to the meeting. She stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer Wall's application and medical records. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Wall's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Wall's injuries, subsequent treatments, and current condition.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Brandon Wall, be sent for an independent medical evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:13 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 October 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK