

**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING
ACTION MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2026**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the Study Session Room, 20 E. Main Street on August 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Cook (Police)
Chris Fifield (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien (Police)
Ben Wehunt (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Butler, City Manager
Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Vera Warhurst, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathryn Baillie
Anthony Coppola (Applicant)
Tyler Halter (Applicant)
Cynthia Kelley
Rae Lynn Nielsen
Teri Overbey
Robert Parechanian
Crystal Parks
Carrie Pile
Tina Rogers
Colleen Wisdom

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg conducted a roll call.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg excused Chairperson Dee Ann Mickelsen and Boardmember Scott Butler from the entire meeting.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg welcomed new Boardmembers, Amanda Cook and Ben Wehunt to the Local Board.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 2:00 p.m.

1. 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 Wehunt, that the certification of full-time Firefighters be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Fifield-Heirshberg-Wehunt
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 2:01 p.m.

2. 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 Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Daniel Robertson to Senior Program Assistant.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Daniel Robertson to Senior Program Assistant be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Fire Board recessed at 2:04 p.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 2:23 p.m.)

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Anthony Coppola.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Anthony Coppola, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Jose Torres.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Jose Torres, be referred for a second Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Tyler Halter.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Tyler Halter, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Recruit Nicholas Whaley.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Recruit Nicholas Whaley, be tabled for no more than 90 days.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 2:29 p.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 11th day of August 2026. 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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