

**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARD MEETING
ACTION MINUTES
July 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, July 17, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Butler, City Manager
Nick Lien (Police)
Holly Moseley, City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Eric Brunyer (Applicant)
Caleb Brunyer
Scott Figgins
Melissa Green
Henry Guillen (Applicant)
Nitra Hawkins
Emily Nichols
Crystal Parks
Ann Redwine
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers
Jose Torres (Applicant)
Joseph Zwemke

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Scott Butler and Nick Lien from the entire meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of June 19, 2025.

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of June 19, 2025, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Butler-Lien

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 11:01 a.m.

2. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of PSPRS member Forrest Smith to Deputy Director – Mesa Public Safety Support.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Forrest Smith, to Deputy Director – Mesa Public Safety Support be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Butler

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Firefighter Eric Brunyer be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Butler

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 11:04 a.m.

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.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Heirshberg-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Butler-Lien

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of PSPRS member Anthony Abalos to Police Dispatch Manager.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Anthony Abalos, to Police Dispatch Manager be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability application of Police Officer Henry Guillen.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Henry Guillen be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:10 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:16 a.m.)

7. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability application of Police Officer Jose Torres.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Jose Torres, be continued.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:21 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 July 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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