



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
JULY 21, 2022**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the City Clerk's Conference Room, Suite 150, 20 E. Main Street, July 21, 2022 at 11:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chairperson  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)\*  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)  
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)  
David Silides (Fire)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager  
Stephen Lentz (Police)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Holly Moseley, City Clerk  
Ann Marie Fantasia, Sr. Program Asst.  
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mayra Araujo  
Nitra Hawkins  
Teri Overbey  
Nathan Peterson  
Erin Pierce  
Tina Rodgers  
Nancy Spina  
Danny Valcik  
Jodi Valcik (Applicant)

(\* Participated telephonically.)

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmembers Brady and Lentz from the meeting.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of June 16, 2022.**

This item was continued due to abstentions and absences of the Local Board causing a lack of a quorum to vote on this item.

**2. Discuss legislation related to the Public Safety Retirement System.**

Local Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley presented upcoming changes to the PSPRS reemployment statutes due to the approval of House Bill 2063 and advised of immediate changes to the Deferred Retirement Option Plan due to the approval of Senate Bill 1268 which extends the DROP for members meeting specific requirements who choose to elect an extension to the plan.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmembers Castaneda and Silides at 11:09 a.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**3. 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 Nicholas Ahumada, Andrew Baer, Richard Bates, Jorge Bradbury, Aracely Campos, Isiah Cotton, Jacob Glenn, Cooper Haught, Kyle Helfrich, Kaitlyn Hershkowitz, Matthew Huffman, Tanner Lacroix, Brandon Perches Delgado, Ulysses Sanchez Acuna, Aaron Townsley, and Malakai West have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that Law Enforcement applicants Nicholas Ahumada, Andrew Baer, Richard Bates, Jorge Bradbury, Aracely Campos, Isiah Cotton, Jacob Glenn, Cooper Haught, Kyle Helfrich, Kaitlyn Hershkowitz, Matthew Huffman, Tanner Lacroix, Brandon Perches Delgado, Ulysses Sanchez Acuna, Aaron Townsley, and Malakai West be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady-Lentz

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**4. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Nathan Peterson to Police Investigator III.**

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Nathan Peterson retired effective 4/1/2017 and after competing in an open, competitive recruitment process, he was offered the civilian, non-supervisory, non-PSPRS position of Police Investigator III.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Nathan Peterson to Police Investigator III, effective 7/25/2022, be approved as within the statute requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady-Lentz

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jodi Valcik.**

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Jodi Valcik to the meeting. She stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer Valcik's additional medical records provided subsequent to the last meeting. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Valcik's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

In response to questions from the Local Board, Officer Valcik stated that symptoms related to her current condition began in 2008 and she was not aware at the time that they were related to her injury in 2007.

Boardmember Russell thanked Officer Valcik for obtaining additional documentation from her doctors to help define the cause of her current condition. He stated that there is not currently a clear line in the medical records which indicates her current condition was caused by the reported work-related incident in 2007. He suggested that in order to resolve this issue the Local Board could send Officer Valcik for an Independent Medical Evaluation and ask the physician to complete questionnaires for both Accidental Disability and Ordinary Disability.

Officer Valcik stated that she supported Boardmember Russell's suggestion in order to obtain a resolution in this matter.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Jodi Valcik be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation with questionnaires for both Accidental Disability and Ordinary Disability.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady-Lentz

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:19 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 Boards meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of July 2022. 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