



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
APRIL 18, 2024**

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, April 18, 2024 at 11:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Brady, City Manager

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Joseph Adams (Applicant)
Yolanda Fierros
Melissa Green
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Teri Overbey
Crystal Parks
Nate Peterson
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers
Travis Steelman (Applicant)

(*Participated telephonically.)

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Brady from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 21, 2024.

It was moved by Boardmember Sheppard, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 21, 2024 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. 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.

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that applicant Tyler Franklin has pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that Firefighter applicant Tyler Franklin be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

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

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 Alberto Cardona Cervantes, Dominic Chaulk, Christopher Cheang, Alex Corona, Jacob Hanna, Danni Hartley, Hunter Humphrey, Jonathan Jimenez, Sam Kibbett, Eli Lunt, Patrick Pertner, Mariella Renteria, Mackenzie Rivera, Garrett Rose, and Hannah Vucson have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Alberto Cardona Cervantes, Dominic Chaulk, Christopher Cheang, Alex Corona, Jacob Hanna, Danni Hartley, Hunter Humphrey, Jonathan Jimenez, Sam Kibbett, Eli Lunt, Patrick Pertner, Mariella Renteria, Mackenzie Rivera, Garrett Rose, and Hannah Vucson be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

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

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Sergeant Joseph Adams to the meeting. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Sergeant Adams' pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell commented that the medical records provided to the Board indicated that Sergeant Adams' claimed disability occurred on the job, has reached maximum medical improvement, and is considered permanent at this time.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Police Sergeant Joseph Adams, be sent for an independent medical evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Christopher Riemersma.

Chairperson Mickelsen advised the Local Board that Police Officer Christopher Riemersma is not in attendance. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Riemersma's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to the medical records provided to the Board, including an IME report, which indicated that Officer Riemersma's claimed injury has reached maximum medical improvement and it is unlikely that he will be able to perform the duties required of his position.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:11 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:22 a.m.)

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Travis Steelman.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Travis Steelman to the meeting. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Steelman's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to treatment and the provided medical records being unclear regarding maximum medical improvement and permanency.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Travis Steelman be continued for 90 days to allow Officer Steelman to provide additional medical records to the Local Board.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:29 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 18th day of April 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK