



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
MAY 18, 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, May 18, 2023 at 11:01 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**

Lisa Angiano  
Mayra Araujo  
Nicole Fazzio  
Melissa Green  
Nitra Hawkins  
Cynthia Kelley  
Patrick Kreuzer (Applicant)  
Gregory McClellan (Applicant)  
Nate Peterson  
Erin Pierce  
Tina Rogers  
Donald Rudd (Applicant)  
Danna Taylor (Applicant)  
Richard Taylor

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Castaneda from the beginning of the meeting. He arrived at the meeting telephonically at 11:10 a.m.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Sheppard, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 16, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Consider the appointment of Scott E. Kirkorsky, 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 Russell, that the appointment of Scott E. Kirkorsky, M.D. as a Local Board Physician in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B) be approved.

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Castaneda

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

(The Local Fire Pension Board recessed at 11:05 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:21 a.m.)

3. Acknowledge receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires.

It was moved by Boardmember Silides, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that the PSPRS plan elections made by new hires (**See Attachment 1**) be acknowledged.

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Certification of a full-time Firefighter 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 Avory Battle has pre-existing medical conditions.

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

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on the Temporary Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Danna Taylor.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Firefighter Danna Taylor to the meeting. She stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Douglas Clouse. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Ms. Taylor's pending Temporary Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Silides advised that there was one conflict in the IME questionnaire that can be resolved by the Local Board using the IME report. He said that Dr. Clouse responded yes to question four which asks: during your examination of all medical evidence, did you discover any

pre-existing conditions or injuries that contributed to the claimed disability? He advised that the IME report indicates that although Ms. Taylor has a pre-existing condition, the disabling injury is directly related to an event that occurred during the performance of the employee's duty.

Chairperson Mickelsen advised that the Local Board had submitted additional questions to Dr. Clouse, but he was not able to answer them with the provided medical records.

Ms. Taylor stated that she requested medical records for the year 2012 and prior but was told by her medical provider that they had been purged as indicated in a letter provided to the Local Board.

Chairperson Mickelsen indicated that in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Silides, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the Temporary Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Danna Taylor be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

### **POLICE PENSION BOARD**

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:23 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:31 a.m.)

**6. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of April 20, 2023.**

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of April 20, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

**7. 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 Daniel Butler, Sam Kibbett, Daniel Rendulich, and Catherine Roberts have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Daniel Butler, Sam Kibbett, Daniel Rendulich, and Catherine Roberts 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.

8. Discuss and take action on the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Richard Gogoiu to Municipal Security Officer.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Richard Gogoiu was previously approved by the Local Board to be re-hired as a Municipal Security Officer, was later approved by the Local Board to be re-classified to Civilian Teleserve Officer, and is now requesting a demotion back to Municipal Security Officer.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Richard Gogoiu to Municipal Security Officer 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.

9. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Patrick Kreuzer.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Patrick Kreuzer to the meeting. She advised that the Local Board reviewed the addendum to the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Lisa Jones. She stated that Dr. Jones clarified that Officer Kreuzer is not receiving a military disability benefit for the same condition that he is applying for.

Boardmember Russell stated that he is satisfied with the response from Dr. Jones.

Chairperson Mickelsen indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Patrick Kreuzer be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

10. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Gregory McClellan.

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

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

Chairperson Mickelsen indicated that in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Police Officer Gregory McClellan, be sent for an independent medical evaluation with clarifying questions.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

11. Conduct a rehearing to discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application denied on January 19, 2023 for Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd at the request of the applicant.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed retired Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd to the meeting. She advised that the Local Board reviewed the additional documentation he submitted to the Local Board.

Discussion ensued relative to Lieutenant Rudd's diagnosis, additional documentation, and the process the Local Board is required to follow.

Chairperson Mickelsen indicated that in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that additional documents and questions be sent to Dr. Jody Reiser to re-evaluate the IME completed for Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:53 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 18th day of May 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

\*Those highlighted elected to participate exclusively in DC Plan. Employer needs to ensure that in their contribution uploads they include the applicable Disability and Subsidy contributions \*

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Plan Election</u> <u>DB - DC</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Effective Plan Enrollment</u>	<u>EE DB Contribution Rate</u>	<u>EE DC Contribution Rate</u>	<u>Hybrid ER - Y/N</u>	<u>EE INS Subsidy Rate</u>	<u>Enrollment Type</u>	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>Is DC Disability Contribution Required?</u>
JACOB	WILLIAMS	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
STUART	JAWORSKI	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
SEAN	PATTY	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
MITCHELL	PERRONE	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
LAMONI	OCHOA	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
KYLE	WARD	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
JAREN	MACHAJEWSKI	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
ANTHONY	PERSONALE	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
ALEXANDER	GORDON	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
REID	COFFEE	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
ANDRE	LOPEZ	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
NICOLAS	LABOUNTY	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
CADE	THEIN	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO
BLAKE	THOMAS	DB	01/23/2023	4/23/2023	10.84	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA FD	NO