



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2022 at 11:03 a.m.

**The meeting was conducted via a virtual format.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager\*  
Stephen Lentz (Police)\*  
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)\*  
David Silides (Fire)\*

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Bryan Raines, Chairman\*  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)\*  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)\*

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mayra Arauyo\*  
Nicole Fazzio\*  
Nitra Hawkins\*  
Cynthia Kelley\*  
Natalie Kurdoughlian\*  
Justin Organ (Applicant)\*  
Teri Overbey\*  
Erin Pierce\*  
Tina Rogers\*  
Christy Trevino\*  
John Wilcken (Applicant)\*

(\* Participated in the meeting via a virtual format.)

Acting Chair Sheppard excused Chairman Raines, Boardmember Castaneda and Boardmember Russell from the meeting.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 23, 2022.**

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 23, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Consider the appointments of Robert Berghoff, M.D. and Kenneth Schmidt, M.D. as Local Board Physicians in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B).

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that the appointments of Robert Berghoff, M.D. and Kenneth Schmidt, M.D. as a Local Board Physicians in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B) be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Castaneda-Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

3. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter John Wilcken.

It was moved by Boardmember Silides, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter John Wilcken be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Castaneda-Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

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.

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that applicants Dennis Bennett, Timothy Branch, Kyle Cameron, Daniel Donovan, Siera Frederickson, Juan Gutierrez, Sara Khachame, Wyatt McKinlay, Jared Mitchell, and Geron Rogers have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady that Law Enforcement applicants Dennis Bennett, Timothy Branch, Kyle Cameron, Daniel Donovan, Siera Frederickson, Juan Gutierrez, Sara Khachame, Wyatt McKinlay, Jared Mitchell, and Geron Rogers be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Christopher Barna to Police Hiring Coordinator, effective 3/21/2022.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Christopher Barna to Police Hiring Coordinator, effective 3/21/2022, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Justin Organ.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Justin Organ be sent for Independent Medical Evaluations.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:14 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 17th day of March 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