

**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL POLICE PENSION BOARD MEETING
MAY 21, 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, May 21, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brady, City Manager
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien (Police)
Ruan A. Russell (Police)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Eric Forrest (Applicant)
Melissa Green
Henry Guillen (Applicant)
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley*
Emily Nichols
Crystal Parks
Nate Peterson
Maria Reece
Tina Rogers

(*Participated telephonically)

Acting Chairperson Brady conducted a roll call.

Acting Chairperson Brady excused Chairperson Dee Ann Mickelsen from the entire meeting.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

Receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires was acknowledged. (**See attachment 1**)

2. 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 records, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that applicants Drake DalMolin, Payton Darago, Jared Hemstreet, Giganga Kamau, Seth Miller, Bradley Mulvihill, Joseph Stricker, Kannan Walter and Emma Wolfe have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that Police applicants Drake DalMolin, Payton Darago, Jared Hemstreet, Giganga Kamau, Seth Miller, Bradley Mulvihill, Joseph Stricker, Kannan Walter and Emma Wolfe be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Acting Chairperson Brady declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Eric Forrest.

Acting Chairperson Brady welcomed Police Officer Eric Forrest to the meeting and invited Board members to ask any questions related to Officer Forrest's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board has reviewed the Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) report of Dr. Kirkorsky. He indicated that while Dr. Kirkorsky notes two conflicts he does not believe these preclude him from the stated diagnosis. He stated that Dr. Kirkorsky agrees that Officer Forrest's condition was incurred in the performance of his duty, that his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification, and that any conflicts in the medical evidence regarding any pre-existing conditions have been resolved by the Local Board.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Eric Forrest be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Acting Chairperson Brady declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Acting Chairperson Brady asked Human Resources Administrator Tina Rogers about the background process between a new police recruit versus a lateral transfer. Ms. Rogers stated that the process is the same except for the initial written exam test and the physical fitness test. Acting Chairperson Brady requested that Ms. Rogers confirm the existing lateral background process and provide the information to Boardmember Heirshberg after the meeting.

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

Acting Chairperson Brady welcomed Police Officer Henry Guillen to the meeting. He stated that members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer Guillen's application and medical records. He encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Guillen's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell expressed his appreciation for the thorough materials submitted, particularly the detailed timeline provided by Officer Guillen. He asked questions related to Officer Guillen's prior symptoms, surgeries, treatments, job duties, and the gear worn while on

duty. He also inquired about a prior injury sustained during Officer Guillen's internship with the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

Officer Guillen explained the history of his injuries and clarified that during his employment with the Arizona Fish and Game Department, he was a member of the Arizona State Retirement System, not the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

In response to an inquiry made from Boardmember Russell related to Officer Guillen's receipt of Workers' Compensation benefits from a prior State of Arizona position, Legal Counsel Cynthia Kelley confirmed that receiving Workers' Compensation benefits does not affect eligibility for medical retirement under PSPRS.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Police Officer Henry Guillen, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Mickelsen

Acting Chairperson Brady declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 4:20 p.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 21st day of May 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



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 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>
ADAM	VARGA THOMPSON	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ANDRE	OLIVARES	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ANDREW	BRIMLEY	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ANTHONY	TRUJILLO	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y		ELECTED		MESA PD	NO
BLAKE	AMBURGEY	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
BOE	SANFORD	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
BRETT	KADLEC	DC	01/21/2025	04/21/2025		9.000			ELECTED	PSDC	MESA PD	YES
CADEN	ARNOLD	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CHRISTIAN	MANN	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CHRISTIAN	RIORDAN	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CONNOR	O'BRIEN	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DARENKO	KURAICA	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DEREK	MILLER	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DOMINIC	CALDERON	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DYLAN	KNUTH	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ISSIAH	CALDWELL	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JACE	HENDERSON	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JONAH	WAHLBERG	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JOYCE	ORE	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JULIAN	RUSHTON	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KALIL	MATIER	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y		ELECTED		MESA PD	NO
LONDON	WIGGS	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
MATTHEW	GIBBONS	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
MORGAN	LEON	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
NICHOLAS	WHALEY	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
SARAH	VAN RUIN	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
TREVOR	PAOLINETTI	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
TYLER	RHODES	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
TYLER	STOKES	DB	01/21/2025	04/21/2025	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO