



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 2023 at 11:02 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

Melissa Green
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Teri Overbey
Tina Rogers

*Participated telephonically.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 20, 2022.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 20, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Acting Chairperson Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding notice to the Local Board concerning Legal Counsel's transition to a new law firm beginning October 1, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Local Board continue to be represented by Cynthia Kelley.

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

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. 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 applicants Chase Chaloupek, Keegan Monks, Bryson Wheatley, and Dawid Wojtowicz have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that Firefighter applicants Chase Chaloupek, Keegan Monks, Bryson Wheatley, and Dawid Wojtowicz be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

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

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

5. 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 Jacob Megenity-Western, Paul Ortiz, Brevin Pardo, Marisa Rivas, Ammon Roberts, and Michael Sonnenberg have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Jacob Megenity-Western, Paul Ortiz, Brevin Pardo, Marisa Rivas, Ammon Roberts, and Michael Sonnenberg 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.

6. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator II.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator II 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.

7. 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.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the original denial of the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd be affirmed.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

8. 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 Police Pension Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of August 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK