

**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the Study Session Room, 20 E. Main Street on August 11, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Amanda Cook (Police)
Chris Fifield (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien (Police)
Ben Wehunt (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Butler, City Manager
Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Vera Warhurst, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kathryn Baillie
Anthony Coppola (Applicant)
Tyler Halter (Applicant)
Cynthia Kelley
Rae Lynn Nielsen
Teri Overbey
Robert Parechanian
Crystal Parks
Carrie Pile
Tina Rogers
Colleen Wisdom

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg conducted a roll call.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg excused Chairperson Dee Ann Mickelsen and Boardmember Scott Butler from the entire meeting.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg welcomed new Boardmembers, Amanda Cook and Ben Wehunt to the Local Board.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 2:00 p.m.

1. 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 records, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that the applicants Anthony Burnett, Christian Cromelin, and Abbygale Gurr have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Wehunt, that Firefighter applicants Anthony Burnett, Christian Cromelin, and Abbygale Gurr be certified subject to the pre-existing conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Fifield-Heirshberg-Wehunt

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 2:01 p.m.

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 the applicants David Beauchamp, Nicholas Brockman, Cody Chipman, Shayanna Couse, Randy Dell'Acqua, Arthur Franklin, Dakota Gordon, Amelia Halliday, Pierson Henley, Matthew Henson, Chet Jusakul, Christopher Kratsas, Caleb Munoz, Micah Ortiz, Jack Rasmussen, and Ashton Saunders have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that Police applicants David Beauchamp, Nicholas Brockman, Cody Chipman, Shayanna Couse, Randy Dell'Acqua, Arthur Franklin, Dakota Gordon, Amelia Halliday, Pierson Henley, Matthew Henson, Chet Jusakul, Christopher Kratsas, Caleb Munoz, Micah Ortiz, Jack Rasmussen, and Ashton Saunders be certified subject to the pre-existing conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

3. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Daniel Robertson to Senior Program Assistant.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Daniel Robertson retired as a Police Sergeant effective January 16, 2026. She confirmed that Daniel Robertson has been retired for more than six months, meeting the statutory requirement to rehire a retired PSPRS member into a position without an open, competitive recruitment process.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Daniel Robertson to Senior Program Assistant with an effective date to be determined, be approved as in compliance with applicable statutory requirements and that no alternative contribution will be required.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Board enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4).

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

(The Local Fire Board recessed at 2:04 p.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 2:23 p.m.)

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Anthony Coppola.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg welcomed Officer Coppola and his attorney, Kathryn Baillie, to the meeting. He noted that the Local Board had reviewed Dr. Domer's independent medical evaluation (IME) and invited questions. Boardmember Lien confirmed, after reviewing the IME, that Officer Coppola does suffer from the claimed disability that occurred on the job, that his condition permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties as a Police Officer, and that there are no pre-existing conditions that contributed to the claimed disability, and there are no conflicts in medical evidence.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Anthony Coppola, be approved. Acting Chairperson Heirshberg thanked Officer Coppola for his service.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Jose Torres.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg noted that Officer Torres was not in attendance and then encouraged the board to ask questions or make a motion. Boardmember Lien commented that, because of conflicting reports from various doctors, including Dr. Clouse, the physician who completed the current IME, Officer Torres should undergo another IME to resolve the medical conflicts.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Jose Torres, be referred for a second Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Tyler Halter.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg welcomed Officer Halter to the meeting. He commented that the Board reviewed Officer Halter's application and medical records. He invited questions or comments from the Board. In the absence of questions, he entertained a motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Tyler Halter, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

7. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Recruit Nicholas Whaley.

Acting Chairperson Heirshberg stated that Recruit Whaley was not present and asked the Board for a motion or action on the application. Boardmember Lien commented that, after reviewing the application, he did not see anything indicating that Recruit Whaley's condition was permanent or stationary. He recommended that Recruit Whaley return to the Board within 90 days with documentation from his physician stating that his condition is permanent and stationary before moving forward.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Police Officer Recruit Nicholas Whaley, be tabled for no more than 90 days.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Cook-Heirshberg-Lien

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Butler-Mickelsen

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

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 2:29 p.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 Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 11th day of August 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.


for HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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