



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE PENSION BOARD MEETING
MARCH 25, 2025**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 W, 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, March 25, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Chris Fifield (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Brady, City Manager
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Green
Emily Nichols
Carrie Pile
Tina Rogers

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Chris Brady and Marc Heirshberg from the entire meeting.

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 reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that applicants Ryan Anaya, Liam Brown, William Browning, Robert Bustillos, Lance Campbell, Marcus Davidson, Zackary Doster, Brent Eklofe, Nolan Ferger, Charles Hawley, Bobby Hobson, Tyler Kuszajewski, Katherine Merrill, Aaron Mikolic, David Morales, Jay Morales, Kurt Ostrom, Brandon Pollock, Tyler Potts, Baxter Robbins, Logan Rocha, Isaac Santillan, Isaiah Santillan, Aidan Smith, Zachary Sparks, Brady Stephens, and James Takacs have pre-existing medical conditions.

Chairperson Mickelsen reported that applicants, Micah Barnett, Shawn Mohatt, Sean Todd, and Valerie Vitale, should be removed from the list as they never started the academy.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that Firefighter applicants Ryan Anaya, Liam Brown, William Browning, Robert Bustillos, Lance Campbell, Marcus Davidson, Zackary Doster, Brent Eklofe, Nolan Ferger, Charles Hawley, Bobby Hobson, Tyler Kuszajewski, Katherine Merrill, Aaron Mikolic, David Morales, Jay Morales, Kurt Ostrom, Brandon Pollock, Tyler Potts, Baxter Robbins, Logan Rocha, Isaac Santillan, Isaiah Santillan, Aidan Smith, Zachary Sparks, Brady Stephens, and James Takacs be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Mickelsen
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady-Heirshberg

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried by the majority of those present.

2. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Jeffrey Ehrlich to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator.

Human Resources Administrator Melissa Green stated that Jeffrey Ehrlich retired as a Fire Captain with Superstition Fire effective August 2023 and recently competed in an open, competitive recruitment process for the civilian, non-supervisory, non-PSPRS position of Emergency Medical Services Coordinator.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Jeffrey Ehrlich, to Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Coordinator, with an effective date to be determined, be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Mickelsen
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady-Heirshberg

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried by the majority of those present.

3. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Joshua Grandinetti to Civilian Paramedic.

Chairperson Mickelsen questioned if Joshua Grandinetti is still employed with the City of Eloy.

Human Resources Administrator Melissa Green confirmed that Joshua Grandinetti is still employed with the City of Eloy and is scheduled for their Local Fire Pension Board agenda on March 27, 2025 for his retirement at the end of this month.

Boardmember Castaneda inquired if Mr. Grandinetti was retiring by means of disability and recommended that information be obtained prior to approving the re-hire to protect the best interest of the applicant and the City of Mesa.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Joshua Grandinetti, to Civilian Paramedic, be continued until it can be verified under what conditions Mr. Grandinetti will be retiring from the City of Eloy.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Mickelsen
NAYS - None
ABSENT – Brady-Heirshberg

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried by the majority of those present.

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Eric Brunyer.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Firefighter Eric Brunyer be continued to the April 17, 2025 Local Fire Pension Board meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Brady-Heirshberg

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried by the majority of those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Engineer Brett Oberly.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Fire Engineer Brett Oberly be continued to the April 17, 2025 Local Fire Pension Board meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Fifield-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Brady-Heirshberg

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried by the majority of those present.

6. Adjourn.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 25th day of March 2025. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK