



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
DECEMBER 16, 2021**

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, December 16, 2021 at 10:01 a.m.

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bryan Raines, Chairman\*  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)\*  
Stephen Lentz (Police)\*  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)\*  
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)\*  
David Silides (Fire)\*

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager\*

**STAFF PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk\*  
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.\*

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Will Biascoechea\*  
Nicole Fazzio\*  
Courtenay Harris\* (Applicant)  
Brandon Herron\* (Applicant)  
Natalie Kurdoghlian\*  
Giovanni Mustaca\* (Applicant)  
David Niederdeppe\*  
Teri Overbey\*  
Erin Pierce\*  
Tina Rogers\*  
Christy Trevino\*

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

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Brady from the meeting.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of November 17, 2021.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of November 17, 2021 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

2. Discuss updates and process changes to PSPRS.

Discussion only.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

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

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides that PSPRS plan elections made by new hires be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES –Castaneda-Raines-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board meeting of November 29, 2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Silides, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board meeting of November 29, 2021 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES –Raines-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

ABSTAIN – Castaneda

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement re-evaluation of retired Firefighter Giovanni Mustaca.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides that the Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) completed by Dr. William Stevens on December 3, 2021 be accepted by the Local Board and that retired Firefighter Giovanni Mustaca be sent for an for an additional IME after one year as allowed by statute.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Castaneda-Raines-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**6. Acknowledge receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires.**

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES –Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**7. 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 Jake Arcamo, Luke Boehmer, Adam Cain, Vincent Durazo, Daniel Escoto, Erika Estevez, Mark Fletcher, Siera Frederickson, Landon Hemp, Steven Hisey, Alexander Juarez, Joshua Lopez, Blake Moore, Jason Moreno, Michael Peter, Carlin Resendez, Alejandro Sanson, Zachery Schirato, Shaun Shipman, and Donevan Walsh have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Law Enforcement applicants Jake Arcamo, Luke Boehmer, Adam Cain, Vincent Durazo, Daniel Escoto, Erika Estevez, Mark Fletcher, Siera Frederickson, Landon Hemp, Steven Hisey, Alexander Juarez, Joshua Lopez, Blake Moore, Jason Moreno, Michael Peter, Carlin Resendez, Alejandro Sanson, Zachery Schirato, Shaun Shipman, and Donevan Walsh be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**8. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Richard Gogoiu to Municipal Security Officer, effective 12/20/2021.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Richard Gogoiu to Municipal Security Officer, effective 12/20/2021, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Courtenay Harris.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Courtenay Harris be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Brandon Herron.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Brandon Herron be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 10:56 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK