



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
MAY 19, 2022**

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, May 19, 2022 at 11:02 a.m.

The meeting was conducted via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairperson*
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*
Ann Marie Fantasia, Sr. Program Asst.*
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.*

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayra Araujo*
Blu Caton (Applicant)*
Nicole Fazzio*
Nitra Hawkins*
Cynthia Kelley*
Teri Overbey*
Tina Rogers*
Christy Trevino*
Jodi Valcik (Applicant)*

(* 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.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of April 21, 2022.

It was moved by Boardmember Sheppard, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of April 21, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

2. Discuss and consider supplements to the PSPRS Revised Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedure.

Local Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley presented additions and modifications suggested by legal counsel in order to accommodate the Mesa Local Board.

Boardmember Russell advised that the supplements appear to be sufficient, with the exception of one error which lists the City of Phoenix where it should list the City of Mesa. He indicated that he would be willing to make a motion to approve the revised procedures with the stipulation that the error be corrected.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the supplements to the PSPRS Revised Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedure be approved with one correction.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT — None

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. Discuss and take action on the Ordinary Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Blu Caton.

Chairperson Raines welcomed Firefighter Blu Caton to the meeting. He stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Mr. Caton's application and medical records. He encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Mr. Caton's pending Ordinary Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to events leading to Mr. Caton's injuries, subsequent treatments, and current condition.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that Ordinary Disability Retirement applicant Firefighter Blu Caton be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Raines-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT — None

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:14 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 (**See Attachment 1**) be acknowledged.

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-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 Gavin Ashlin, Vido Barino, Kane Davalos, Mason Hammel, Christopher Parisian, Jordan Perez, Christopher Phillips, and Joshua Sanchez have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Gavin Ashlin, Vido Barino, Kane Davalos, Mason Hammel, Christopher Parisian, Jordan Perez, Christopher Phillips, and Joshua Sanchez, be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Richard Gogoiu to Civilian Teleserve Officer.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Richard Gogoiu retired effective 7/1/2018, he was rehired as a Municipal Security Officer effective 12/20/2021, and after competing in an open, competitive recruitment process, he has been offered the non-PSPRS position of Civilian Teleserve Officer.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Richard Gogoiu to Civilian Teleserve Officer, effective 5/23/2022, be approved as within the statute requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting at 11:33 a.m.)

7. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jodi Valcik.

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

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Valcik's injuries, subsequent treatments, and current condition.

Boardmember Russell expressed concern regarding the length of time between the on-duty incident Officer Valcik indicated as the cause of her injuries and the onset of symptoms. He indicated that her doctors did not state that her injuries were caused by the reported incident. He suggested that Officer Valcik seek additional documentation from her doctors to indicate the cause of her injuries and current condition.

Officer Valcik stated that she has scheduled an appointment with another doctor for a second opinion and would be willing to come back before the Board with additional documentation at a future meeting.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jodi Valcik be continued until Officer Valcik provides additional documentation to the Board.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:46 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 19th day of May 2022. 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 Employer Legacy Contribution (EPSL)

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Last 4 of SSN</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>Enrollment Type</u>	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>Is DC Disability Contribution Required?</u>
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