



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
JANUARY 18, 2024**

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, January 18, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair  
Chris Brady, City Manager  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)  
Stephen Lentz (Police)  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)  
David Silides (Fire)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)

**STAFF PRESENT**

Holly Moseley, City Clerk  
Vanessa Liristis, Sr. Program Asst.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Steven Aguilar  
Kathryn Baillie  
Jack Cravens  
Nicole Fazzio  
Yolando Fierros  
Melissa Green  
Nitra Hawkins  
Dave Hicks  
Cynthia Kelley  
Crystal Parks  
Nate Peterson  
Marie Reece  
Tina Rogers  
Danna Taylor (Applicant)

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Sheppard from the meeting.

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 21, 2023.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 21, 2023 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

### **FIRE PENSION BOARD**

**2. 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.**

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that the certification of full-time Firefighters be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Sheppard

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Fire Pension Board recessed at 11:01 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:22 a.m.)

**3. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Danna Taylor.**

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Danna Taylor be continued.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Sheppard

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

### **POLICE PENSION BOARD**

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:23 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:31 a.m.)

**4. 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.**

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Sheppard

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS members Walter Landvatter and Lawrence O'Shaughnessy to Downtown Engagement Team Member.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the rehire of retired PSPRS members Walter Landvatter and Lawrence O'Shaughnessy as Downtown Engagement Team Members 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

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Sheppard

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of retired Police Lieutenant Kevin Gillis.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of retired Police Lieutenant Kevin Gillis be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Sheppard

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and clarify the previous approval of the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Gregory McClellan at the request of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Discussion only.

8. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:52 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 18th day of January 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

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HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK