



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – POLICE  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170, 20 E. Main Street, 1st Floor, September 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair  
Stephen Lentz (Police)  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)  
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lisa Anderson  
Melissa Green  
Nitra Hawkins  
Cynthia Kelley  
Alicia Martinez  
Pantaleon Martinez (Applicant)  
Gregory McClellan (Applicant)  
Teri Overbey  
Nate Peterson

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Brady from the meeting.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:01 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:17 a.m.)

1. 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 Kyle Bliss, Jose Garcia, Kevin Knudsen, and Mitchell Mabry have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Kyle Bliss, Jose Garcia, Kevin Knudsen, and Mitchell Mabry be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Pantaleon Martinez.

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

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

In response to questions posed by Boardmember Russell, Officer Martinez indicated that he had a break in service from the City of Mesa from 2006 to 2008 and received a refund of his contributions made to PSPRS for the time period of 1999 to 2006.

Boardmember Russell advised that the injury Officer Martinez sustained in 1999 while training at the Mesa Police Academy may be considered a pre-existing condition due to his contributions being refunded.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Police Officer Pantaleon Martinez, be sent for an independent medical evaluation with supplemental questions.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Gregory McClellan.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Gregory McClellan to the meeting. She stated that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation (IME) of Dr. Kirkorsky. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding the IME report.

Boardmember Russell stated that while the IME report from Dr. Kirkorsky was extensive, he was not able to answer all of the Local Board's questions. He added that Dr. Kirkorsky determined that Officer McClellan does not suffer from the mental injury listed on his application and therefore was unable to determine a causal relationship to the physical condition listed on his application. He advised that Officer McClellan could be evaluated by a physician of a specialty related to the

listed physical condition and suggested that both the Accidental and Ordinary Disability questionnaires be sent to the physician to complete.

Chairperson Mickelsen added that Dr. Kirkorsky's IME report should be included with Officer McClellan's medical records for review. She indicated that in view of the absence of further questions from the Board, she 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 Gregory McClellan be tabled in order for Officer McClellan to be sent for an additional independent medical evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:31 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 21st day of September 2023. 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