



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 2022 at 11:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Chris Brady, City Manager
Stephen Lentz (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)
David Silides (Fire)*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kurt Castaneda (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Ann Marie Fantasia, Sr. Program Asst.
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayra Araujo
Jennifer Cooper
Nitra Hawkins
Natalie Kurdoghlian
Jennifer LeLouarn
Dee Ann Mickelsen
Ginger Organ
Justin Organ (Applicant)
Teri Overbey
Erin Pierce

(* Participated telephonically.)

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Castaneda from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of May 19, 2022.

It was moved by Boardmember Sheppard, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of May 19, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Silides at 11:05 a.m.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, 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.

3. 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 Noah Fraher, Elexus McGregor-Jones, Samuel Reeves, Andrew Stewart, and James Whiting have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Noah Fraher, Elexus McGregor-Jones, Samuel Reeves, Andrew Stewart, and James Whiting 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.

4. Discuss and take action on the rehire of PSPRS member John Santiago to Solid Waste Equipment Operator II.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that John Santiago retired effective 2/1/2022 and after competing in an open, competitive recruitment process, he was offered the non-PSPRS position of Solid Waste Equipment Operator II.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the rehire of PSPRS member John Santiago to Solid Waste Equipment Operator II, effective 5/2/2022, 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.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Ryan Gallagher.

Chairman Raines indicated that Police Officer Ryan Gallagher was absent from the meeting. He stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer Gallagher's application and medical records. He encouraged Boardmembers to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Gallagher's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board has reviewed the IME reports of Lisa Jones, M.D. and Glenn Clouse, Psy. D. He indicated that while Dr. Jones and Dr. Clouse disagree with each other regarding whether the condition totally and permanently prevents Officer Gallagher from performing a reasonable range of duties, the Local Board must rely on Dr. Jones' evaluation to be in accordance with statute requirements. He noted that Dr. Jones is in agreement with the findings of Officer Gallagher's attending physician, that Officer Gallagher's condition was incurred in the performance of his duty, that his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification, and that any conflicts in the medical evidence have been resolved by the Local Board.

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

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 Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Justin Organ.

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

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Lisa Jones and Glenn Clouse. He indicated that both agree with the findings of Officer Organ's attending physician, that Officer Organ's condition was incurred in the performance of his duty, and that his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification.

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

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:15 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 16th day of June 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

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