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CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the Study Session Room, 20 E. Main Street on April 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	STAFF PRESENT
Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair	Chris Fifield (Fire)	Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Scott Butler, City Manager		Vera Warhurst, Sr. Program Asst.
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)		
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)		OTHERS PRESENT
Nick Lien (Police)		
Ryan A. Russell (Police)		Richard Bates II (Applicant)
		Mary Chenery (Applicant)
		Nitra Hawkins
		Tina Rogers
		Colleen Wisdom

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Fifield from the entire meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 10, 2026.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of March 10, 2026, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Castaneda-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS – None
ABSENT – Fifield

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 2:01 p.m.

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

Receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires was acknowledged. **(See attachment 1)**

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 records, Local Boardmembers requested the record

reflect that the applicants Gage Apodaca, Austin Briggs, Isiah Cotton, Micah Cureton, Joel Espinoza, Austin Gilpatric, Isabella Gustafson, Blake Khalil, Wyatt Lewallen, Jakeem Marshal, Ashlynn Nelson, David Parker, Dustin Ramirez, Sergio Rosas-Hernandez, Hunter Rust, Tajh Westbrook, Shane Willoughby, and Caleb Yi have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that Police applicants Gage Apodaca, Austin Briggs, Isiah Cotton, Micah Cureton, Joel Espinoza, Austin Gilpatric, Isabella Gustafson, Blake Khalil, Wyatt Lewallen, Jakeem Marshal, Ashlynn Nelson, David Parker, Dustin Ramirez, Sergio Rosas-Hernandez, Hunter Rust, Tajh Westbrook, Shane Willoughby, and Caleb Yib be certified subject to the pre-existing conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Richard Bates II.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Richard Bates to the meeting and acknowledged receipt of the independent medical evaluation (IME) conducted by Dr. Kirkorsky. She stated that Dr. Kirkorsky concluded Officer Bates' condition was incurred in the performance of his duties, that the condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification, and that there are no pre-existing conditions. She further noted that Dr. Kirkorsky identified minor conflicts in the medical evidence that could be addressed at the Local Board level.

Boardmember Russell addressed the noted conflicts in the medical evidence. Specifically, Dr. Kirkorsky observed a discrepancy regarding the number of treatment sessions attended versus those reported. Additionally, there was conflicting information indicating that Officer Bates had denied seeking a medical retirement, which was contrary to statements documented in therapy notes.

Boardmember Russell stated that any conflicts are considered resolved by the Local Board.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Richard Bates II, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Mary Chenery.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Mary Chenery to the meeting and acknowledged receipt of the independent medical evaluation (IME) conducted by Dr. Clouse. Dr. Clouse concluded that the applicant has a physical condition that forms the basis of the application, that the condition totally and permanently prevents her from performing a

reasonable range of duties within the applicant's job classification, and that the condition was incurred in the performance of duty. It was further noted that there are no pre-existing conditions and no conflicts in the medical evidence.

Chairperson Mickelsen invited questions from the Board. In the absence of questions, she stated she would entertain a motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Mary Chenery, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 2:08 p.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 Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 14th day of April 2026. 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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*Those highlighted elected to participate exclusively in DC Plan. Employer needs to ensure that in their contribution uploads they include the applicable Disability and Subsidy contributions *

First Name	Last Name	Plan Election DB - DC	Hire Date	Effective Plan Enrollment	EE DB Contribution Rate	EE DC Contribution Rate	Hybrid ER - Y/N	EE INS Subsidy Rate	Enrollment Type	PLAN	EMPLOYER	Is DC Disability Contribution Required?
ABRAHAM	RODRIGUEZ ROSAL	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
AMANDA	RODRIGUEZ	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
APRIL	LUNSFORD	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ASHLEIGH	TAYLOR	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ASHLYNNE	MUHLE	DC	01/05/2026	04/05/2026		9.000			ELECTED	PSDC	MESA PD	YES
AYRTON	PEREA	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
BRENDAN	WILHELM	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CHRISTIAN	SOSA	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CONNOR	CALICCHIA	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
COURTNEY	TRUEAX	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DAKOTA	RIBBLE	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DANIEL	BAKER	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ELI	FRISCH	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ERIK	AUNESE-LABAN	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
GREGORY	MCWILLIAMS	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
HAROLD	ERWIN	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
IVAN	VALLE	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JACK	CAMPBELL	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JACK	STRICKLAND	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JAIME	OCHOA	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JINELLE	PFEIFLE	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JONATHAN	BAER	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JONATHAN	CISNEROS	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JORDAN	BELL	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KAITLIN	SENATORE	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KALEB	ULIBARRI	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KENNETH	WILSON	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
LELAND	MINDER	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
LYRIC	GENTRY	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
MCKENZIE	MACINTYRE	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
NOAH	LOPEZ	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
RICARDO	ORDUNO	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
SAMUEL	REINOSO	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
SEAN	SILCOTT	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
THOMAS	MCDONALD	DB	01/05/2026	04/05/2026	8.330	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
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