



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
FEBRUARY 20, 2025**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the Conference Room 170, 20 E. Main Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, February 20, 2025, at 11:01 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair  
Chris Brady, City Manager  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)  
Chris Fifield (Fire)  
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)  
Nick Lien (Police)  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

Holly Moseley, City Clerk  
Steven Aguilar, Deputy City Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Eric Brunyer (Applicant)  
Nitra Hawkins  
Dave Hicks  
Cynthia Kelley  
Emily Nichols  
Teri Overbey  
Crystal Parks  
Tina Rogers  
Travis Steelman (Applicant)  
Colleen Wisdom

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of January 16, 2025.**

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of January 16, 2025 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell  
NAYS - None  
ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

## **FIRE PENSION BOARD**

### **2. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Firefighter Eric Brunyer.**

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

Discussion ensued relative to Firefighter Brunyer's injuries, subsequent treatments, and current condition.

In response to questions from the Board, Firefighter Brunyer provided details of his condition and advised that Dr. Tumialan had reviewed his physical therapy progress and determined there was insufficient improvement to release him to full duty.

Chairperson Mickelsen asked if Firefighter Brunyer could meet with Dr. Tumialan for a letter confirming that he has reached maximum medical improvement, is stationary, and is also considered permanently disabled. Firefighter Brunyer confirmed he would address these questions at his follow-up appointment with Dr. Tumialan that is scheduled in March.

Boardmembers Brady and Castaneda expressed the need for the full medical record to be completed before referring the case to the Board's Independent Medical Examiner for further evaluation.

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 Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Firefighter Eric Brunyer be continued to the March 20, 2025 Fire Pension Board meeting.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

### **3. ~~Discuss and take action on the rehearing of the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Fire Engineer Brett Oberly.~~**

This item was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

## **POLICE PENSION BOARD**

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:12 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:18 a.m.)

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Travis Steelman.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Travis Steelman to the meeting. She stated that the Local Board has reviewed the addendum to the independent medical evaluation of Dr. Kenneth Schmidt. She encouraged the members to discuss and pose any questions they may have regarding the addendum.

Boardmember Russell stated that a condition such as Officer Steelman's has never come before the Local Police Pension Board so clarifying questions are needed from Dr. Schmidt before a determination could be made.

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 Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Travis Steelman be approved with the caveat that the Board has resolved the conflict for Question #2 to clarify that Police Officer Travis Steelman is not able to perform the duties of a Police Officer and resolved the conflict for Question #5 regarding there being no contributing factors to any pre-existing conditions.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:22 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 20th day of February 2025. 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

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