



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

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, September 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chairperson
Chris Brady, City Manager
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Stephen Lentz (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)
David Silides (Fire)*

MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayra Araujo
Matthew Greason
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Teri Overbey
Nathan Peterson
Tina Rogers
Nancy Spina
Christy Trevino
Jodi Valcik (Applicant)
Jonathon Young

(* Participated telephonically.)

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of August 29, 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 August 29, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Certification of a full-time Firefighter pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-842.24(B), 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 applicant Jacob Martinez has pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Brady that Firefighter applicant Jacob Martinez be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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 Jonathan Caserta, Eric Forrest, Austin Jarrell, Landon MacDonnell, Jorge Meza, and Jacob Rheingans have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Jonathan Caserta, Eric Forrest, Austin Jarrell, Landon MacDonnell, Jorge Meza, and Jacob Rheingans be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jodi Valcik.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Jodi Valcik to the meeting. She stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed the IME report from Dr. Jody Reiser. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding the IME report and Officer Valcik's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board sent questionnaires for both Accidental Disability and Ordinary Disability to Dr. Reiser, to determine if Officer Valcik's current condition was caused by the reported work-related incident in 2007. He advised that Dr. Reiser's response on both questionnaires and in her IME report indicate that there are no conflicts in medical evidence, the condition is a direct result of Officer Valcik's on the job injury in 2007, and that she is totally and permanently unable to perform a reasonable range of duties within her job classification.

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 the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jodi Valcik be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

Chairperson Mickelsen thanked Police Officer Jodi Valcik for her service to the City.

5. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:06 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 15th day of September 2022. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK