



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

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, December 21, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Stephen Lentz (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)
David Silides (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Brady, City Manager

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Steven Aguilar
Lisa Anderson
Hugo Barrera (Applicant)
Nicole Fazzio
Melissa Green
Nitra Hawkins
Tori Kace
Cynthia Kelley
William Lamond
Teri Overbey
Crystal Parks
Tina Rogers

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Brady from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of October 19, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Sheppard, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of October 19, 2023 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

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

It was moved by Boardmember Silides, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Joseph Meier to Civilian Paramedic.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Joseph Meier to Civilian Paramedic be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

(The Local Fire Pension Board recessed at 11:11 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:22 a.m.)

4. Discuss and take action on the Catastrophic Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain Hugo Barrera.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that Catastrophic Disability Retirement applicant, Fire Captain Hugo Barrera, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

5. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of November 16, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of November 16, 2023 be approved.

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.

6. 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 be acknowledged.

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.

7. 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 Samuel Adams, Emma Boyer, Grant Buckley, Matthew Castillo, Samuel Donovan, Alexander Nelson, and Taylor Zalba have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Samuel Adams, Emma Boyer, Grant Buckley, Matthew Castillo, Samuel Donovan, Alexander Nelson, and Taylor Zalba 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.

8. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Linwood Brannan to Civilian Investigation Specialist.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Linwood Brannan to Civilian Investigation Specialist be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member David Garcia to Real Time Crime Center Operator.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member David Garcia to Real Time Crime Center Operator be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Christopher Withrow to Public Safety Homeless Solution Liaison.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Christopher Withrow to Public Safety Homeless Solutions Liaison be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

11. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer John LaFontaine.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Brady

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

12. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:08 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 December 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK