



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2022, at 11:03 a.m.

The meeting was conducted via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Brady, City Manager*
Stephen Lentz (Police)*
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)*
David Silides (Fire)*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayra Arauyo*
Nicole Fazzio*
Nitra Hawkins*
Cynthia Kelley*
Natalie Kurdoughlian*
Justin Organ (Applicant)*
Teri Overbey*
Erin Pierce*
Tina Rogers*
Christy Trevino*
John Wilcken (Applicant)*

(* Participated in the meeting via a virtual format.)

Acting Chair Sheppard excused Chairman Raines, Boardmember Castaneda and Boardmember Russell from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 23, 2022.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of February 23, 2022, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Consider the appointments of Robert Berghoff, M.D. and Kenneth Schmidt, M.D. as Local Board Physicians in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B).

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that the appointments of Robert Berghoff, M.D. and Kenneth Schmidt, M.D. as a Local Board Orthopedics Physicians in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B) be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Castaneda-Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter John Wilcken.

Acting Chair Sheppard welcomed Firefighter John Wilcken to the meeting. She encouraged members to pose any questions they may have regarding Firefighter Wilcken's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Silides 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 Mr. Wilcken's attending physician, that Mr. Wilcken'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.

Acting Chair Sheppard indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Silides, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter John Wilcken be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Castaneda-Raines

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:06 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

4. 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 Dennis Bennett, Timothy Branch, Kyle Cameron, Daniel Donovan, Siera Frederickson, Juan Gutierrez, Sara Khachame, Wyatt McKinlay, Jared Mitchell, and Geron Rogers have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady that Law Enforcement applicants Dennis Bennett, Timothy Branch, Kyle Cameron, Daniel Donovan, Siera Frederickson, Juan Gutierrez, Sara Khachame, Wyatt McKinlay, Jared Mitchell, and Geron Rogers be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Christopher Barna to Police Hiring Coordinator, effective 3/21/2022.

Acting Chair Sheppard stated Christopher Barna is applying for a six-month assignment beginning March 2022. She added that he retired December 1, 2021. She encouraged any questions or comments from the Boardmembers.

Boardmember Brady asked for clarification from Human Resources regarding this rehire.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that after completing a competitive recruitment process, retired PSPRS member Christopher Barna is being considered for rehire into a non-supervisory, civilian, non-PSPRS covered position, and that he surpasses the sixty-day wait period requirement, because he retired December 1, 2021.

Acting Chair Sheppard indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Christopher Barna to Police Hiring Coordinator, effective 3/21/2022, be approved as within the statute requirements and that no Alternate Contribution Rate will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Justin Organ.

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

Discussion ensued relative to Officer Organ's injury and subsequent treatments.

Acting Chair Sheppard indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Justin Organ be sent for Independent Medical Evaluations.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Raines-Russell

Acting Chair Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:14 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 17th day of March 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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