



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
AUGUST 17, 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, August 17, 2023 at 11:02 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Green
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Teri Overbey
Tina Rogers

*Participated telephonically.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 20, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 20, 2023 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Acting Chairperson Sheppard declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding notice to the Local Board concerning Legal Counsel's transition to a new law firm beginning October 1, 2023.

Local Board Attorney Cynthia Kelley stated that she is forming a new law firm, Kelley Law Group, beginning October 1, 2023. She advised the Local Board that she would like to continue serving the Local Board under the new firm. She indicated that the Local Board may choose to continue to be represented by her, seek out other representation, or be represented by the firm she currently works with, but with other legal counsel.

Boardmember Brady stated he prefers to continue to be represented by Cynthia Kelley.

Acting Chairperson Sheppard stated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Local Board continue to be represented by Cynthia Kelley after her transition to a new law firm beginning October 1, 2023.

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

3. Certification of full-time Firefighters 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 applicants Chase Chaloupek, Keegan Monks, Bryson Wheatley, and Dawid Wojtowicz have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides, that Firefighter applicants Chase Chaloupek, Keegan Monks, Bryson Wheatley, and Dawid Wojtowicz be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Mickelsen-Sheppard-Silides

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires be acknowledged. **(See Attachment 1)**

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

5. 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 Jacob Megenity-Western, Paul Ortiz, Brevin Pardo, Marisa Rivas, Ammon Roberts, and Michael Sonnenberg have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that Law Enforcement applicants Jacob Megenity-Western, Paul Ortiz, Brevin Pardo, Marisa Rivas, Ammon Roberts, and Michael Sonnenberg 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.

6. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator II.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Thomas McKnight retired effective 2/1/2020 and recently competed in an open, competitive recruitment process for the civilian, non-supervisory, non-PSPRS position of Police Investigator II.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator II, effective 10/02/2023, 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 – None

Carried unanimously.

7. Conduct a rehearing to discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application denied on January 19, 2023 for Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd at the request of the applicant.

Acting Chairperson Sheppard advised the Local Board that Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd is not in attendance.

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board has reviewed Dr. Reiser's IME addendum which indicates, after her review of new medical records provided by Lieutenant Rudd, her opinion has not changed from the original IME report.

Boardmember Lentz advised that in her original IME report Dr. Reiser had suggested some additional testing that may have led to a change in medical opinion, but Lieutenant Rudd chose not to have any additional testing performed.

Acting Chairperson Sheppard stated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, she would entertain a motion.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the original denial of the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Lieutenant Donald Rudd be affirmed.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

8. 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 Police Pension Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of August 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK

*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 *

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Plan Election</u> <u>DB - DC</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Effective Plan Enrollment</u>	<u>EE DB Contribution Rate</u>	<u>EE DC Contribution Rate</u>	<u>Hybrid ER - Y/N</u>	<u>EE INS Subsidy Rate</u>	<u>Enrollment Type</u>	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>Is DC Disability Contribution Required?</u>
MATTHEW	GAUTHIER	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
GAVIN	CALDWELL	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KEVIN	ARNOLD	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JOSE	VERA	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
SAM	KIBBETT	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
TARYLL	SUMLER	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
HENNESSEY	EVANS	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
URIEL	JIMENEZ SALAZAR	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DEVON	MEREDITH	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JUSTIN	ALVAREZ	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
SAMUEL	ICHRIST	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JAKE	HESTAND	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ALFONSO	ALCARAZ	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ELIJAH	DORSTEN	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JERIMIAH	WILTFANG	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
STEVEN	SCHWEIZERHOF	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ARTURO	MARTINEZ	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
FERNANDO	BARRAZA	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
LANDON	MONCADA	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
BRADEN	MILLER	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
NAYTHANYAL	HERRERA	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
COTY	MIKITA	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
TIMOTEO	POLANCO	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
SEAN	HOBAN	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CATHERINE	ROBERTS	DB	04/24/2023	7/23/2023	9.320	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO