



CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING
ACTION MINUTES
MARCH 10, 2026

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the Study Session Room, 20 E. Main Street on March 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Table with 3 columns: MEMBERS PRESENT, MEMBERS ABSENT, STAFF PRESENT. Lists names and roles of attendees and absentees.

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of January 13, 2026.

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 13, 2026, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

- AYES – Butler-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

At the request of Chairperson Mickelsen, the Local Police Pension Board convened prior to the Local Fire Pension Board, but for purposes of clarity items will remain as listed on the agenda.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 2:07 p.m.

**2. 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.**

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the certification of full-time Firefighters be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen  
NAYS – None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

(The Local Fire Board recessed at 2:07 p.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 2:35 p.m.)

**3. Discuss and take possible action on the continued consideration of the rehearing application regarding the Line of Duty Death benefit determination for Firefighter Mark Keller.**

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, to reverse the Board’s prior denial and approve based on the exposures as identified in the Independent Medical Evaluation report as it was the “direct and proximate result of the decedent’s public safety duties” per A.R.S. §§ 38-846.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen  
NAYS – None  
ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 2:01 p.m.

**4. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of February 10, 2026.**

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of February 10, 2026, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler- Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell  
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.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Police Officer Jose Torres.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Jose Torres, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 2:48 p.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 Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026. 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