



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
JULY 20, 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, July 20, 2023 at 11:03 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)

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Silides (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mayra Araujo
Melissa Green
Nitra Hawkins
Teri Overbey
Nate Peterson
Erin Pierce
Tina Rogers
Curtis Simpson (Applicant)

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Silides from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of May 18, 2022.

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 May 18, 2022 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Consider the appointment of D. Gregory Stewart M.D. as a Local Board Physician in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B).

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the appointment of D. Gregory Stewart M.D. as a Local Board Physician in accordance with A.R.S. §38-859(B) be approved.

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

3. Consider the request from Ryan Rapp Pacheco & Kelley PLC to adjust hourly rate to be online with other Local Boards the firm represents.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the request from Ryan Rapp Pacheco & Kelley PLC to adjust hourly rate to be in line with other Local Boards the firm represents be approved.

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

4. 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 Daniel Dadasiewicz and Blake Edwards have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that Firefighter applicants Daniel Dadasiewicz and Blake Edwards be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

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

Chairperson Mickelsen 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

5. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of June 15, 2023.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of June 15, 2023 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those voting.

6. 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 Cory Coleman, Tyler Erwin, Travis Ferrin, Scott Glenn, Cody Hedalen, Austin Lyon, Tegan Moses, Ismael Naranjo, Nathan Prindle, Oscar Rubio, Logan Shill, Tanner Stees, and Kylie Thesz have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that Law Enforcement applicants Cory Coleman, Tyler Erwin, Travis Ferrin, Scott Glenn, Cody Hedalen, Austin Lyon, Tegan Moses, Ismael Naranjo, Nathan Prindle, Oscar Rubio, Logan Shill, Tanner Stees, and Kylie Thesz 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.

7. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Dale Jernegan to Evidence Technician.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Dale Jernegan retired as a Police Officer effective 4/1/2023 and has been offered a position through a temporary agency to assist with the inventory and move of evidence to a new facility for a period of up to two years.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell, that the temporary rehire of retired PSPRS member Dale Jernegan to Evidence Technician be approved, as within the statutory requirements for a period not to exceed twenty-four months, effective 7/24/2023, 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.

8. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Curtis Simpson.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Officer Curtis Simpson to the meeting. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Simpson's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluation (IME) of Dr. D. Gregory Stewart. He indicated that Dr. Stewart's report was very clear.

Boardmember Lentz expressed his agreement regarding the clarity of the IME report.

Chairperson Mickelsen advised that Dr. Stewart agrees with the findings of Officer Simpson's attending physician, that Officer Simpson's condition was incurred in the performance of his duty, and his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification. She added 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 Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Curtis Simpson be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Lentz-Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS - None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

Chairperson Mickelsen and Boardmember Brady thanked Police Officer Curtis Simpson for his service to the City.

9. 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 20th day of July 2023. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

HOLLY MOSELEY, CITY CLERK