



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
JANUARY 16, 2025**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, January 16, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair
Chris Brady, City Manager
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien (Police)
Ryan A. Russell (Police)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chris Fifield (Fire)

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Yolanda Fierros
Nitra Hawkins
Cynthia Kelley
Steven Klimke (Applicant)
Teri Krull
Teri Overbey
Crystal Parks
Nate Peterson
Carrie Pile
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of December 19, 2024.

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 December 19, 2024 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell
NAYS - None
ABSENT - Fifield

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain Steven Klimke.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Fire Captain Steven Klimke to the meeting. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Fire Captain Klimke's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Chairperson Mickelsen advised that Dr. Steven's IME report indicates that Captain Klimke does suffer from the claimed disability, that his condition permanently prevents him from performing the range of duties required for a fire captain, that his condition was incurred while performing his duties as a fire captain, that there are no pre-existing conditions that contributed to the claimed disability, and there are no conflicts in medical evidence.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain Steven Klimke be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Castaneda-Heirshberg-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Fifield

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

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

Receipt of PSPRS plan elections made by new hires was acknowledged. **(See attachment 1)**

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jeffrey Covington.

Chairperson Mickelsen provided a review of the report from Dr. Kirkorsky which indicates that Police Officer Covington does suffer from the claimed disability, that his condition is not determined to be permanent, that his condition is not determined to be the result of an event that occurred while performing his duties as a police officer, that there are pre-existing conditions, and that there are conflicts in the medical history.

Boardmember Russell commented on the thoroughness of the IME report from Dr. Kirkorsky that indicated that Mr. Covington's symptoms stem not from work-related trauma, but work-related stressors from being removed from his work assignment.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jeffrey Covington be denied.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jeffrey Covington be denied.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Travis Steelman.

Chairperson Mickelsen reported that the board was awaiting clarification from Dr. Schmidt that has not yet been received.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Travis Steelman be continued.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:09 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 16th day of January 2025. 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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