



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
JULY 21, 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, July 21, 2022 at 11:02 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chairperson  
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)\*  
Ryan A. Russell (Police)  
Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)  
David Silides (Fire)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Brady, City Manager  
Stephen Lentz (Police)

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mayra Araujo  
Nitra Hawkins  
Teri Overbey  
Nathan Peterson  
Erin Pierce  
Tina Rodgers  
Nancy Spina  
Danny Valcik  
Jodi Valcik (Applicant)

(\* Participated telephonically.)

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmembers Brady and Lentz from the meeting.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of June 16, 2022.

Continued due to a lack of a quorum to vote on this item.

2. Discuss legislation related to the Public Safety Retirement System.

Discussion only.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmembers Castaneda and Silides at 11:09 a.m.

**POLICE PENSION BOARD**

**3. 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 Nicholas Ahumada, Andrew Baer, Richard Bates, Jorge Bradbury, Aracely Campos, Isiah Cotton, Jacob Glenn, Cooper Haught, Kyle Helfrich, Kaitlyn Hershkowitz, Matthew Huffman, Tanner Lacroix, Brandon Perches Delgado, Ulysses Sanchez Acuna, Aaron Townsley, and Malakai West have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that Law Enforcement applicants Nicholas Ahumada, Andrew Baer, Richard Bates, Jorge Bradbury, Aracely Campos, Isiah Cotton, Jacob Glenn, Cooper Haught, Kyle Helfrich, Kaitlyn Hershkowitz, Matthew Huffman, Tanner Lacroix, Brandon Perches Delgado, Ulysses Sanchez Acuna, Aaron Townsley, and Malakai West be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady-Lentz

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**4. Discuss and take action on the rehire of retired PSPRS member Nathan Peterson to Police Investigator III.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that the rehire of retired PSPRS member Nathan Peterson to Police Investigator III be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady-Lentz

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

**5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jodi Valcik.**

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Sheppard, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Jodi Valcik be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Mickelsen-Russell-Sheppard

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Brady-Lentz

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:19 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 21st day of July 2022. 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

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