



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE
NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

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, November 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting was conducted via a virtual format.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Raines, Chairman*
Chris Brady, City Manager*
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)*
Stephen Lentz (Police)*
Ryan A. Russell (Police)*
David Silides (Fire)*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jenny Sheppard (Citizen Member)*

STAFF PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, City Clerk*
Vanessa Wisneski, Sr. Program Asst.*

OTHERS PRESENT

Nicole Fazzio*
Travis Gribble* (Applicant)
Jacob Harris* (Applicant)
Cynthia Kelley*
Patrick O'Brien* (Applicant)
Teri Overbey*
Nate Peterson*
Tina Rogers*
Christy Trevino*

(* Participated in the meeting via a virtual format.)

(Items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purposes of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.)

Chairman Raines excused Boardmember Lentz from the beginning of the meeting. He arrived at 1:04 p.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of October 21, 2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of October 21, 2021 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

2. Approve the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Fire Engineers Daniel Campbell, Lester Gilliam III, and Joseph McKenzie.

It was moved by Boardmember Castaneda, seconded by Boardmember Silides that the elections to terminate participation in the DROP program and apply for the Normal Retirements of Fire Engineers Daniel Campbell, Lester Gilliam III, and Joseph McKenzie be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Castaneda-Raines-Silides

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

3. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of November 3, 2021.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Brady that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board meeting of November 3, 2021 be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

ABSTAIN - Russell

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present and voting.

4. 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 Rudy Arroyo, Taylor Beatty, Joshua Benninger, Chance Boheneck, Dustyn Brown, Samuel Dalton, Boyd Davies, Cornelius Duna, Marcus Harrington, Kayla Hong, Tyler McManus, Mark Miller, Charli Rees, Saint-Lawrence Teti-Cassidy, and Jacob Wandrie have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Brady that Law Enforcement applicants Rudy Arroyo, Taylor Beatty, Joshua Benninger, Chance Boheneck, Dustyn Brown, Samuel Dalton, Boyd Davies, Cornelius Duna, Marcus Harrington, Kayla Hong, Tyler McManus, Mark Miller, Charli Rees, Saint-Lawrence Teti-Cassidy, and Jacob Wandrie be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

5. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Christopher Barna.

Chairman Raines advised the Local Board that Police Officer Christopher Barna is not in attendance. He encouraged Boardmembers to discuss Officer Barna's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that the Local Board has reviewed the independent medical evaluations of Dr. Lisa Jones and Glenn Clouse. He indicated that both agree with the findings of Officer Barna's attending physician, that Officer Barna's condition was incurred in the performance of his duty, and that his condition totally and permanently prevents him from performing a reasonable range of duties within his job classification.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lentz that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Christopher Barna be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Travis Gribble.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Sergeant Travis Gribble to the meeting. He stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Sergeant Gribble's application and medical records. He encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Sergeant Gribble's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell thanked Sergeant Gribble for continuing treatment during the ninety-day continuation and for the updated records and timeline provided to the Local Board.

Chairman Raines indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Sergeant Travis Gribble be sent for Independent Medical Evaluations.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Jacob Harris.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Jacob Harris to the meeting. He stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer Harris' application and medical records. He encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Harris' pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that while the triggering events listed are legitimate, treatment for this condition began roughly seven months ago and this board would like to see as close to one year of treatment as possible prior to coming before the Local Board. He advised that it is likely that the Local Board's IME psychologist will have the same concern about lack of treatment and will not be able to make a determination as to permanence of this condition at this time.

Boardmember Lentz agreed that an additional two months of treatment before coming back before the Local Board should be sufficient.

Chairman Raines indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, he 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 Jacob Harris be continued for sixty days.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Patrick O'Brien.

Chairman Raines welcomed Police Officer Patrick O'Brien to the meeting. He stated that the members of the Local Board have reviewed Officer O'Brien's application and medical records. He encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer O'Brien's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to Officer O'Brien's injury and subsequent treatments.

Chairman Raines indicated that in view of the absence of questions from the Board, he would entertain a motion relative to this case.

It was moved by Boardmember Lentz, seconded by Boardmember Russell that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant Police Officer Patrick O'Brien be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Brady-Lentz-Raines-Russell

NAYS – None

ABSENT – Sheppard

Chairman Raines declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 1:30 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 Boards meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 17th day of November 2021. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

DEE ANN MICKELSEN, CITY CLERK

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