

**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING
ACTION MINUTES
AUGUST 21, 2025**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in Conference Room 170 West, 20 E. Main Street on August 21, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair
Scott Butler, City Manager
Kurt Castaneda (Fire)
Chris Fifield (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien (Police)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan A. Russell (Police)

STAFF PRESENT

Holly Moseley, City Clerk
Vera Warhurst, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Cynthia Kelley
Crystal Parks
Carrie Pile
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Russell from the entire meeting.

Chairperson Mickelsen excused Boardmember Castaneda from the beginning of the meeting; he arrived at 11:01 a.m.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 17, 2025.

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 17, 2025, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Castaneda-Russell

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

2. Discussion and possible action to amend the meeting date and time of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards.

It was moved by Boardmember Butler, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adopt a new regular meeting schedule of the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Castaneda-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT - Russell

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 11:02 a.m.

3. 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 and Police Board recessed at 11:04 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:15 a.m.)

4. Discuss and consider awarding a Line of Duty Death benefit to Firefighter Mark Keller.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that the Line of Death Duty benefit to Firefighter Mark Keller be approved.

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 11:17 a.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 11:17 a.m.

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

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

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.

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Russell

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of PSPRS member Kenneth Cost to Assistant City Manager.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Kenneth Cost to Assistant City Manager be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Russell

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of PSPRS member Jason Flam to Public Safety Homeless Solutions Liaison.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member Jason Flam to Public Safety Homeless Solutions Liaison be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS - None

ABSENT – Russell

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9. Discuss and take action on the re-hire of PSPRS member John White to Police Investigator III – Financial Crimes Unit.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Heirshberg, that the re-hire of retired PSPRS member John White to Police Investigator III – Financial Crimes Unit be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Chairperson Mickelsen declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire and Police Pension Boards adjourned at 11:24 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 Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 21st day of August 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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(Attachment – 1)