



**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING – FIRE/POLICE  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the upper-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, September 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Joseph Adams (Applicant)  
Felicia Aguirre  
Jessica Campbell  
Yolanda Fierros  
Melissa Green  
Richard Harp (Applicant)  
Nitra Hawkins  
Kelli Holder  
Cynthia Kelley  
Teri Overbey  
Crystal Parks  
Stacie Peyton  
Marie Reece  
Tina Rogers  
Colleen Wisdom

(\*Participated telephonically.)

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

**1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 29, 2024.**

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Brady, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards meeting of July 29, 2024, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

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

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

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

**FIRE PENSION BOARD**

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.

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that applicants Wesley Bursh, Hunter Cruz, Thomas Drasler, Jake Grimstad, Jacob Lopez, Joshua Medill, Estrella Moreno, Tristyn Ray, Colton Rice, Sergio Romo, Jeritt Scott, Jonathon Shafer, Luke Spinelli, Joshua Straight, Andrew Villalobos, Michael Welle, and George Young have pre-existing medical conditions.

Boardmember Fifield reported that two applicants, Sergio Romo and Joshua Straight, should be removed from the list.

It was moved by Boardmember Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Castaneda, that Firefighter applicants Wesley Bursh, Hunter Cruz, Thomas Drasler, Jake Grimstad, Jacob Lopez, Joshua Medill, Estrella Moreno, Tristyn Ray, Colton Rice, Jeritt Scott, Jonathon Shafer, Luke Spinelli, Andrew Villalobos, Michael Welle, and George Young be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

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

Carried unanimously.

4. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Richard Harp.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Firefighter Richard Harp to the meeting. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Mr. Harp's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Discussion ensued relative to Mr. Harp's duty-related injury, ongoing treatments, and permanency.

It was moved by Boardmember Brady, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Firefighter Richard Harp, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-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**

**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.**

Subsequent to a review of all medical reports, Local Boardmembers requested the record reflect that applicants Xander Amarillas, Carlos Argomaniz Arvizu, Jhonathan Baggett, Emerin Bayless, Florentino Beltran Hernandez, Travion Brown, Kevin Bybee, Ian Cervantes, Tyler Colon, Connor David, Aidan Ferrell, Adam Gasiewski, Connor Hadden, Jaya Haggerty, Raul Hernandez, Patrick Hurley, Nathan Jacobs, Arturo Martinez Madrid, Caleb McGee, Alyssa McNutt, Matt Nunes, Colin Randolph, Gene Roose, David Sapyta, and Kennedy Wiemiller have pre-existing medical conditions.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that Law Enforcement applicants Xander Amarillas, Carlos Argomaniz Arvizu, Jhonathan Baggett, Emerin Bayless, Florentino Beltran Hernandez, Travion Brown, Kevin Bybee, Ian Cervantes, Tyler Colon, Connor David, Aidan Ferrell, Adam Gasiewski, Connor Hadden, Jaya Haggerty, Raul Hernandez, Patrick Hurley, Nathan Jacobs, Arturo Martinez Madrid, Caleb McGee, Alyssa McNutt, Matt Nunes, Colin Randolph, Gene Roose, David Sapyta, and Kennedy Wiemiller be certified subject to the pre-existing medical conditions as noted.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

7. Discuss and take action on the reclassification of re-hired PSPRS member Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator III.

Human Resources Director Teri Overbey stated that Thomas McKnight retired as a Police Officer effective 02/01/2020 and the Local Board approved his rehire as Police Investigator II, effective 10/02/2023. He recently competed in an open, competitive recruitment process for the civilian, non-supervisory, non-PSPRS, position of Police Investigator III.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the reclassification of Thomas McKnight to Police Investigator III, with an effective date to be determined, be approved as within the statutory requirements and that no alternate contribution will need to be paid.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

(The Local Police Pension Board recessed at 11:25 a.m. in order to convene an Executive Session and reconvened the meeting at 11:40 a.m.)

The following items on the agenda were discussed out of order, but for the purpose of clarity will remain as listed on the agenda.

8. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Joseph Adams.

Chairperson Mickelsen welcomed Police Sergeant Joseph Adams to the meeting. She advised that Sergeant Adams' application was tabled for 90 days to allow him to obtain an MRI and provide record of the MRI to the Local Board. She added that the MRI was sent to Dr. Patterson for review and he provided an addendum to the original IME.

Discussion ensued relative to the IME addendum and original report, which indicated a 0% impairment rating, no work restrictions, and no permanent injury.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Joseph Adams be denied based on the results of the IME.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

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

Chairperson Mickelsen advised the Local Board that Police Officer Jeffrey Covington is not in attendance. She encouraged the members to pose any questions they may have regarding Officer Covington's pending Accidental Disability Retirement application.

Boardmember Russell stated that Officer Covington's application was previously tabled due to having no medical diagnosis of the claimed condition. He advised that additional records were recently provided to the Local Board which include a diagnosis of the claimed condition from Gary Prince, M.D.

It was moved by Boardmember Russell, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that Accidental Disability Retirement applicant, Police Officer Jeffrey Covington, be sent for an Independent Medical Evaluation.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES - Brady-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Russell

NAYS - None

ABSENT - None

Carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Police Pension Board adjourned at 11:44 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 19th day of September 2024. 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

\*Those highlighted elected to participate exclusively in DC Plan. Employer needs to ensure that in their contribution uploads they include the applicable Disability and Subsidy contributions \*

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Plan Election</u> <u>DB - DC</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Effective Plan Enrollment</u>	<u>EE DB Contribution</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>EE DC Contribution</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Hybrid ER - Y/N</u>	<u>EE INS Subsidy Rate</u>	<u>Enrollment Type</u>	<u>PLAN</u>	<u>EMPLOYER</u>	<u>Is DC Disability Contribution Required?</u>
AIDAN	MOSER	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ALEJANDRO	BARAHONA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ALEXANDER	CORONA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ANDREW	TALLEY	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ASHLEY	BOUNSANA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CALEB	SKIFFINGTON	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CHRISTOPHER	CHEANG	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
COLE	KURIAN	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
CORNELIUS	BANKS	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DANIEL	DEHOYOS	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DANIEL	PRESTAGE	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DANNI	HARTLY	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
DOMINIC	CHAULK	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ELI	LUNT	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ERICKSON-CAR	NATASHA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
ERIKA	RAMIREZ	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
GABRIEL	COBB	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
GARRETT	ROSE	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y		ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
HANNAH	VUCSON	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JACOB	HANNA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JALEN	SHATSWELL	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JONATHAN	JIMENEZ	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KIMBERLY	WILLHITE	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KYLE	BURK	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
KYLE	FLEMING	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
LILLY	CONN	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
MACKENZIE	RIVERA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y			PSPRS	MESA PD	NO

MARIELLA	RENTERIA	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y		PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
NOAH	FRASER	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	6.000	Y	ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
PATRICK	PERTNER	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y		PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
WALKER	OLIVER	DB	05/20/2024	08/18/2024	8.670	3.000	Y		PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
JESSE	MACIAS	DB	03/25/2024	06/23/2024	9.320	3.000	Y		PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
TRAVIS	DEMUTH	DB	03/25/2024	06/23/2024	9.320	3.000	Y	ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
BRAYTON	JOHNSON	DB	03/18/2024	06/16/2024	9.320	3.000	Y	ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
WILDER	SALAS	DB	03/18/2024	06/16/2024	9.320	3.000	Y		PSPRS	MESA PD	NO
GARRETT	SPENCER	DB	03/04/2024	06/02/2024	9.320	3.000	Y	ELECTED	PSPRS	MESA PD	NO