

**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARD MEETING
ACTION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026**

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board of Mesa, Arizona, was held in the Study Session Room, 20 E. Main Street on September 8, 2026, at 2:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dee Ann Mickelsen, Chair
Scott Butler, City Manager
Amanda Cook (Police)
Chris Fifield (Fire)
Marc Heirshberg (Citizen Member)
Nick Lien (Police)
Ben Wehunt (Fire)

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Lisa Anderson, Deputy City Clerk
Vera Warhurst, Sr. Program Asst.

OTHERS PRESENT

Nitra Hawkins
Rae Lynn Nielsen
Teri Overbey
Robert Parechanian
Crystal Parks
Carrie Pile
Marie Reece
Tina Rogers
Robert Russo (Applicant)

Chairperson Mickelsen conducted a roll call.

1. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board meeting of June 9, 2026.

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board meeting of June 9, 2026, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen
NAYS – None
ABSENT – None
ABSTAIN – Cook-Wehunt

Carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board meeting of August 11, 2026.

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Fifield, that the minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Board meeting of August 11, 2026, be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Cook-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Wehunt

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

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

It was moved by Boardmember Heirshberg, seconded by Boardmember Lien, that the appointment of Patrick Bays, 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 – Butler-Cook-Fifield-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen-Wehunt

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

FIRE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Fire Pension Board at 2:04 p.m.

4. 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 Fifield, seconded by Boardmember Wehunt, that the certification of full-time Firefighters be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Fifield-Heirshberg-Mickelsen-Wehunt

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

Without objection, the meeting of the Local Fire Pension Board adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

POLICE PENSION BOARD

Chairperson Mickelsen called to order the Local Police Pension Board at 2:05 p.m.

5. 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 Cook, that the certification of full-time Law Enforcement Officers be approved.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Cook-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

6. Discuss and take action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application for Retired Police Officer Robert Russo.

It was moved by Boardmember Lien, seconded by Boardmember Cook, to send Retired Police Officer Robert Russo for an Independent Medical Evaluation in connection with his Accidental Disability Retirement Application.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Butler-Cook-Heirshberg-Lien-Mickelsen

NAYS – None

ABSENT – None

Carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment.

Without objection, the meeting of the Police Pension Board adjourned at 2:11 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 Board meeting of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 8th day of September 2026. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

LISA ANDERSON, DEPUTY CITY CLERK