



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
FIRE LOCAL BOARD OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 21, 2021**

**Meeting Held Electronically**

- PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member  
Todd Caverner, Elected Member
- ABSENT:** Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
- STAFF:** Sue Sola, Senior Human Resources Analyst  
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst
- GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney  
Jeff Burg, former Chairperson/Mayoral Designee

**Call to Order**

Board Member Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Possible Executive Session**

- 1. Discussion and vote on appointing Hugo Meraz as chairperson for this meeting.**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF HUGO MERAZ AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THIS MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD

MEMBERS MERAZ, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Jeff Burg, former Chairperson/Mayoral Designee of the PSPRS Police Local Board, announced that the legal department informed him that because he has moved outside of the City of Scottsdale, he is no longer able to serve in his capacity on the Board,. He briefly spoke about his years on the Board and thanked staff and Board members.

Board Member Meraz thanked him for his service to the City and commitment to the boards.

**2. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – December 17, 2020**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2020 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS, if any**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTER RECRUITS PRESTON FULLER, MARK HARRIS, AND IVAN BILAVER, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 19, 2021. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Captain Gregory W. Fossum**

Ms. Sampson noted that Fire Captain Gregory W. Fossum retired on October 7, 2020 with 15.272 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,325.92. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN GREGORY W. FOSSUM. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Fire Captain Fossum for his years of service.

**5. Discussion and vote on the recently prepared PSPRS Fire Local Board 2020 Annual Report**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD 2020 ANNUAL REPORT. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**6. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers, if any**

There were no recently completed service transfers.

**7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items**

Board Member Meraz noted that the joint Board bylaws review is still a future agenda item, but will be tabled until Mayor Ortega has appointed a new chair to the Board.

Ms. Sampson said she anticipates new hires and a retirement for next month's agenda.

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. BOARD MEMBERS MERAZ, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

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