



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

MINUTES

Thursday, June 17, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Matt Heeren, Elected Member

STAFF: Alena Sampson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Senior HR Analyst-Fire
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Chair Meraz welcomed new board member, Ken Strobeck.

Members present as listed above.

Possible Executive Session

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – May 20, 2021

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2021 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD

MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICER RECRUIT THOMAS RUMANN, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 12, 2021; QUANG HUYNH, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 25, 2021; AND RAMON HIDALGO, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 10, 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 PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer Rodger Paliwoda

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Rodger Paliwoda entered the DROP on April 24, 2021 with 28.649 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$7,769.62. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER RODGER PALIWODA. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and Normal Retirement Application of Police Officer Christopher J. Kinder

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Christopher J. Kinder retired on June 15, 2021 with 21.049 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,442.99. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER CHRISTOPHER J. KINDER. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Kinder for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

5. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and Normal Retirement Application of Police Officer Peter J. Bogumill

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Peter J. Bogumill retired on June 1, 2021 with 22.022 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,537.57. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER PETER J. BOGUMILL. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Bogumill for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

6. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and Normal Retirement Application of Police Officer Robert S. Juarez

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Robert S. Juarez retired on June 1, 2021 with 22.103 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,239.33. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER ROBERT S. JUAREZ. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Juarez for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

7. Discussion and vote on the Normal Retirement Application of Police Officer Bradley S. Penner

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Bradley S. Penner retired on June 14, 2021 with 20.057 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$3,746.26. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER BRADLEY S. PENNER. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Penner for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

8. Discussion on House Bill 2381

Ms. Sampson said that a copy of House Bill 2381, which goes into effect in January of 2022, was provided to Board Members for their review.

Ms. Kelley reviewed relevant changes in the bill. Some routine benefit matters, such as routine retirements, will no longer be reviewed by the local boards and instead will be sent to Public Safety. Local boards will continue to review disability benefits, line-of-duty death, and re-employment issues. The mention of consolidation is intended to give smaller boards the opportunity to combine so that the boards can operate more efficiently. Consolidation will not apply to Scottsdale local boards.

Board Member Strobeck commented that he was involved in the development of HB 1428 when it was initiated approximately five years ago. He reiterated the information provided by Ms. Kelley regarding consolidation opportunities, noting that the bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate.

9. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recently completed service transfers.

10. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Ms. Sampson commented that she is hopeful that meetings will be able to be held in the regular room at headquarters by the July meeting.

Chair Meraz suggested that the joint meeting on the Bylaws be further delayed in anticipation of the new guidance that is forthcoming as part of HB 2381.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, STROBECK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

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