



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

**MINUTES**

Thursday, October 20, 2022

North Corp Yard  
9191 E. San Salvador Drive  
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

**PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee  
Amy Barczak, Citizen Member/Merit Head  
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member  
Todd Cavner, Elected Member (telephonic)

**STAFF:** Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary  
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst

**GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

**Call to Order**

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

**Possible Executive Session**

1. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2022

The item was tabled.

2. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from September 15, 2022

The item was tabled.

3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting: September 15, 2022

BOARD MEMBER STROBECK MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BARCZAK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Engineer John R. Adcock

Discussion ensued regarding how COVID cases should be handled moving forward. Ms. Kelley explained that if there is documentation of exposure while on duty, it is presumed that COVID was contracted while on duty. Board Member Springborn said that Fire Engineer Adcock is unable to perform even regular office duties. Ms. Kelley suggested that if sent for an IME, the doctor be asked to evaluate whether or not Firefighter Adcock is capable of any gainful employment at this time.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION THROUGH ONE OF THE BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEDICAL SPECIALIST TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE ENGINEER JOHN R. ADCOCK. THE IME DOCTOR IS TO BE ASKED TO INCLUDE IN THE EVALUATION WHETHER OR NOT FIREFIGHTER ADCOCK IS CAPABLE OF ANY GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BARCZAK, CAVNER, SPRINGBORN, AND STROBECK, VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

There were no new inductees.

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 Cavner said that he was able to arrange for both the Fire and Police Boards to receive a one-hour PTSD training. He suggested that a joint session be scheduled in spring of 2023.

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

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