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

MINUTES

Thursday, October 20, 2022

North Corporation 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
Matt Heeren, Elected Member

ABSENT: Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member

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 9:00 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

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11, 2022, PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular Meeting: August 11, 2022

BOARD MEMBER STROBECK MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 11, 2022, PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Request for a rehearing to discuss and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Greg T. Loveless

Ms. Asmus noted that during a previous meeting, the Board disapproved Officer Loveless' application for accidental disability retirement. He submitted one new letter from his treating physician along with his request for a rehearing.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER BARCZAK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:09 A.M. TO 9:28 A.M.

Discussion ensued regarding the IME report, the fact that Officer Loveless is still serving as a member of the military with no intention to file for disability with the military, and the limited additional evidence provided.

BOARD MEMBER STROBECK MOVED TO DISAPPROVE 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 POLICE OFFICER GREG T. LOVELESS. BOARD MEMBER BARCZAK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz noted that Officer Loveless has an opportunity to appeal the Board's decision.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Brandon P. Petermann

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Brandon P. Petermann's IME was sent out on October 26th. He is retiring with 18.122 years of service. His monthly benefit amount is \$4,954.24. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER BRANDON P. PETERMANN. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Petermann for his years of service.

5. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Dan R. Smith

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Dan R. Smith's IME was sent out on October 6, 2022. He is retiring with 15.477 years of service. His monthly benefit amount will be \$3,895.57. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER BARCZAK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:34 A.M. TO 9:48 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER BARCZAK MOVED TO DISAPPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT BENEFIT OF POLICE OFFICER DAN R. SMITH, BASED ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE IME REPORT. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER STROBECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS, CHARLES SOMMERVOLD, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 21, 2022; MADISYN FOGO, ERIK PENSE, AND JACOB YOST, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 20, 2022; JOSEPH STREMLAU, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 21, 2022; MICHAEL BLATCHFORD, ERIC LASTER, AND WILLIAM SWANSON, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 29, 2022; MATTHEW BLEVINS, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022; ALEJANDRO BARRON, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2022; CHRISTIAN ALVARADO, CALEB SHARPE, AND TRINITY WIGREN WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 10, 2022. 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 HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

7. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers.

There were no recently completed service transfers.

8. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items.

Ms. Asmus noted that Fire Board Member Todd Cavner made arrangements with the Scottsdale Fire Union for them to pay for PTSD training, jointly for the PSPRS Fire and PSPRS Police Boards.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK 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 9:54 a.m.

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