



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

MINUTES

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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

- PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head (left at 10:14 a.m.)
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Caverner, Elected Member (telephonic)
- STAFF:** Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst
- GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney (left at 9:39 a.m.)
Steve Leitzell

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:30 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. Introduction of Monica Boyd, new Citizen Member/Merit Head

Ms. Asmus introduced Monica Boyd to the Board.

2. Approval of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting: December 15, 2022

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

3. Discussion and Vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of fire Engineer John R. Adcock

Ms. Asmus noted that Fire Engineer John R. Adcock is retiring with 17.588 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,617.63. His IME was sent out on January 5, 2022. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE ENGINEER JOHN R. ADCOCK. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Members reviewed and agreed upon answers to questions on the P5-PBA form.

Board Springborn thanked Engineer Adcock for his over 30 years of service.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental disability Retirement Application of Fire Captain Steve Leitzell

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FROM 9:39 A.M. TO 10:07 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN STEVE LEITZELL FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVITING THE MOST RECENT IME DOCTOR TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ONE (1). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER STROBECK DISSENTED.

The Board invited Captain Leitzell to make a comment. Captain Leitzell commented that he felt that the IME doctor relied heavily on the other IME doctor's report, that he felt rushed through

the process, and that questions he was asked were not relevant to PTSD. He tried to be more thorough and honest during this IME examination, but felt the doctor took his honesty as being inauthentic. He noted that the written test had no proctor available to answer questions and he was told to leave the test on the table. He thanked the Board for giving him an opportunity to go for a second IME.

5. Presenting board with IME doctor information and cost so far this FY

Ms. Asmus presented information in the IME doctors used by the Board and a spreadsheet of spending on IME's to date this fiscal year.

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

There were no new inductees.

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

There were no recently completed service transfers.

8. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Future agenda items could include:

- PTSD training

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER BOYD WAS NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

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