



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

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, August 17, 2023

North Corporation Yard
Anasazi Conference Room
9191 E San Salvador Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Cavner, Elected Member

ABSENT: Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head

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 10:09 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 Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting: June 15, 2023

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 15, 2023, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Firefighter Toru Kawana

Discussion ensued regarding Firefighter Kawana's medical documentation. It was noted that the documentation indicates that relating to the work-related back injury, he was released back to full duty on May 31, 2022 with a seven percent impairment. The files do not include any information about a work-related incident relating to his elbow injury as is required in the accidental injury statutes. Ms. Ganger noted that the risk department would have any information regarding on-the-job injuries. Board Member Springborn suggested that the applicant be offered an opportunity to provide information regarding an on-the-job incident relating to the elbow injury.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO DIRECT STAFF TO SEND A REGISTERED LETTER TO FIREFIGHTER KAWANA, REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING HIS ELBOW INJURY TO BE PROVIDED WITHIN 30 DAYS. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz noted that further discussion would be tabled until a future meeting.

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS

Board Member Strobeck expressed concern that one of the inductees had an extensive list of preexisting injuries as well as ADHD and that his examination was conducted by a nurse practitioner. Discussion ensued about the process of applying for a medical retirement, which would include a complete review of any pre-existing injuries. It was noted that the inductee has already been determined as fit for duty and has been hired.

Board Member Springborn reiterated his prior request that sexuality and gender identity not be included as part of inductees' medical record. Ms. Asmus indicated that she has been in communication with the department that processes the medical records.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTERS, MEGAN BARELA, DREW DYER, HUNTER FERGUSON, AND LOGAN KOHLER, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JULY 31, 2023. KALEN GORDON, MADEK KATZENMEIER, MICHAEL MALAMATENIOS, ALEXANDRA SOCHA, AND ALAN SWANSON, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 14, 2023. 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 SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

There were no recently completed service transfers.

5. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no suggested agenda items.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, 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 10:31 a.m.

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