



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

Thursday, February 15, 2024

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

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head (MS Teams; left at 10:10 a.m.)
Robert Leavitt, Citizen Member/Mayoral Designee
Todd Cavner, Elected Member

ABSENT: Steve Springborn, Elected Member

STAFF: Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary
Darlene Granger, Sr. HR Benefits Analyst

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:36 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: January 18, 2024

BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 18, 2024, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS LEAVITT, BOYD, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of 2023 PSPRS Fire Local Board Annual Report

BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2023 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS LEAVITT, BOYD, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Captain Robert Welsh

Board Member Cavner commented that since the last meeting, when the item was originally tabled, Captain Welsh has been in the hospital on and off of a ventilator. Board Member Cavner is unsure of his current medical condition and is unsure whether or not Captain Welsh intends to submit additional information. He suggested that the item be tabled again in order to give Captain Welsh time to create a personal timeline of critical events leading up to his PTSD diagnosis and his admission to the Center of Excellence. Discussion ensued regarding tabling the item again. Ms. Granger noted that she communicated with Captain Welsh a few weeks ago and he did mention that he might provide a personal timeline, but that he had submitted all of the other records to change his current regular retirement status to a disability retirement. She confirmed that Captain Welsh is currently retired under regular retirement and is receiving his pension.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:48 A.M. TO 10:05 A.M.

Chair Meraz noted that, based on Executive Session discussion, the item will be tabled for the purpose of allowing Captain Welsh time to submit additional information.

ITEM TABLED.

4. Discussion and take action on the Killed in the Line of Duty benefit application for Captain Kory Yule, surviving spouse and/or children pursuant to A.R.S. §38-842(13) and §38-846(D).

Discussion ensued regarding Captain Yule. It was confirmed that he was under workers' compensation at the time of his death, which was caused by a presumptive cancer, qualifying him for the killed in the line of duty benefit.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT MOVED TO APPROVE THE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BENEFITS FOR CAPTAIN KORY YULE. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS LEAVITT, BOYD, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz extended condolences to Captain Yule's family and thanked him posthumously for his years of service.

5. Discussion and take action regarding moving monthly meetings from 3rd Thursday to the 2nd Thursday of each month.

BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MOVING OF THE MONTHLY PSPRS MEETING FROM THE 3RD THURSDAY TO THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS LEAVITT, BOYD, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney, said that a lot of PSPRS Boards schedule both Fire and Police meetings at the same time and take whichever meeting is shortest first and the longer meeting second. She suggested that the Board consider whether combining meeting times would be more efficient for their schedule. Discussion will be agendaized for a future meeting.

6. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS

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

There were no suggestions for upcoming agenda items.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS LEAVITT, AND CAVNER 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 10:14 a.m.

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