



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

Thursday, May 9, 2024

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

PRESENT: Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Cavner, Elected Member

ABSENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Robert Leavitt, Citizen Member/Mayoral Designee

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

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney
Pastor Mark Yule, Fire Department Pastor/Kory Yule's father
Sasha Weller

Call to Order

Board Member Springborn called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 February 15, 2024

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 15, 2024, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

2. Approval of Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2024, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

3. Approval of Minutes
a. Regular Meeting: April 11, 2024

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 11, 2024, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

4. Discussion and possible action on the Catastrophic Disability Retirement Application of Fire Engineer Adam Shuckhart

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FROM 9:07 A.M. TO 9:24 A.M. TO GET LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING BOTH AGENDA ITEMS FOUR AND FIVE.

Board Member Springborn said that the Board has been provided accurate medical documentation, including an accurate list of exposures.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER 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 (ONCOLOGIST) TO

SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE CATASTROPHIC DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE ENGINEER ADAM SHUCKHART. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

5. Review and discuss additional documentation provided to the Board regarding the Killed in the Line of Duty benefit application for Captain Kory Yule, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-842(13) and §38-846(D).

Pastor Mark Yule thanked the Board for their professionalism and for allowing him to be part of the process.

Captain Sasha Weller asked that consideration be given to the numerous different exposures Captain Yule had over his career to known carcinogens and forever chemicals that are coming to light since his death and becoming more and more hazardous to fire fighters.

Board Member Springborn noted that since the PSPRS Board's initial decision, the Public Safety Board of Trustees and Administration requested additional documentation. The autopsy report and death certificate, which are both now available, indicate that Captain Yule succumbed to lymphoma and various other cancers that were all presumptively caused by the hazards and exposures directly related to his job.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO AFFIRM THE PREVIOUS APPROVAL OF THE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BENEFITS FOR FIRE CAPTAIN KORY YULE. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

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.

Future agenda items will include:

- PTSD Presentation — June 13, 2024
- Discussion on Fiscal Year invoices

Board Member Springborn asked that Board Members be provided with all correspondence from PSPRS so they stay apprised when the State is making a request.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. CHAIR MERAZ AND CITIZEN MEMBER LEAVITT WERE ABSENT.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

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