



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
FIRE & POLICE LOCAL BOARDS OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)
JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, June 13, 2024

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

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Robert Leavitt, Citizen Member (MS Teams)
Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Matt Heeren, Elected Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Caverner, Elected Member

ABSENT: Rodger Paliwoda, 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 9:10 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 the Minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire and Police Pension Boards
 - a. Regular Meeting: August 17, 2023

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE AUGUST 17, 2023, MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of the Joint Executive Session Meeting Minutes from August 17, 2023

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE AUGUST 17, 2023, MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER LEAVITT ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Future meetings could include:

- Follow-up report from Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney, regarding the uncertified election and how to proceed with the next election.

RECESS TAKEN FROM 9:45 A.M. TO 10:12 A.M.

4. Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Training

Retired Police Sergeant Mike Carleton from Emergency Responder Crisis Solutions (ERCS) led an information and discussion training session for the members of the Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Boards on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). His presentation included examples of first responders who have dealt with PTSD and not gotten the treatment they needed; actions that have been taken by the State of Arizona to guarantee benefits for first responders with brain injuries; identifying signs and symptoms of first responders with PTSD; discussion about the importance of identifying IME physicians who are familiar with the unique circumstances that first responders are exposed to and are qualified in diagnosing PTSD caused by those exposures; and reinjuries that are caused by IME physicians who don't have social competency to understand first responder symptoms, thus claiming exaggeration. Board Members asked clarifying questions throughout the presentation.

Discussion ensued regarding the availability of a list of examples of experiences that first responders may have that the Boards could provide to IME physicians and the responsibility of the Board to recognize psychiatrists/psychologists who are not qualified to act as IMEs for first responders with PTSD. Mr. Carleton said that his advice when helping someone work through the IME process is that it is their responsibility to tell their physician about all of their experiences so that they are able to receive the right treatment.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, LEAVITT, HEEREN, 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 10:38 a.m.

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