



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

Thursday, July 11, 2024

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

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

**ABSENT:** Robert Leavitt, Citizen Member/Mayoral Designee

**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 9:30 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. Approval of Minutes of the Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board
  - a. Regular Meeting: June 13, 2024

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 13, 2024, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of Fire Executive Session Meeting Minutes from June 13, 2024

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 13, 2024, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Engineer Steve Ferguson

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 ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE ENGINEER STEVE FERGUSON. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD FROM 9:36 A.M. TO 10:01 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A SECOND INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION THROUGH ONE OF THE BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PROVIDERS OR A MEDICAL PROVIDER CONTRACTED THROUGH A NEIGHBORING JURISDICTION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEDICAL SPECIALIST TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN ROBERT WELSH. BOARD MEMBER BOYD WILL BE GIVEN TIME TO RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER WITH NEIGHBORING MUNICIPALITIES IN ORDER TO UTILIZE ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR PHYSICIANS OUTSIDE OF THE REGULAR CONTRACTED PROVIDERS. THE ORIGINAL IME REPORT WILL NOT BE

INCLUDED AS PART OF THE MEDICAL REPORTS THAT ARE SUBMITTED TO THE SECOND TIME PHYSICIAN. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Board Members inquired about the status of certifying last year's election. Ms. Kelley will contact the City's Legal Department to inquire about the situation and will report back to the Board.

Future meetings could include:

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

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, 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 10:05 a.m.

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