



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

Thursday, August 8, 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
Matt Heeren, Elected Member
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Cavner, Elected Member (Telephonic)

ABSENT: Robert Leavitt, Citizen Member (Resigned)

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 9:03 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: June 13, 2024

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE JUNE 13, 2024, MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding the approval of Dr. John Liebert and Dr. Bernard Morenz to serve the Local Board as a recommended physician to conduct Independent Medical Exams.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:05 A.M. TO 9:30 A.M.

Chair Meraz noted that based on discussion in executive session, the Board is not inclined to make any decisions at this time.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE STATUS OF ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH DR. JOHN LIEBERT AND THAT THE BOARD TABLE THEIR DECISION REGARDING USING DR. LIEBERT AS A RECOMMENDED IME UNTIL THE INFORMATION IS RECEIVED. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO TABLE DISCUSSION REGARDING USING DR. BERNARD MORENZ AS A RECOMMENDED IME. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no future agenda items suggested.

Board Member Springborn thanked Ms. Granger for all her hard work and especially for trying to expand the working group of physicians.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, 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 9:35 a.m.

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