



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

Thursday, September 12, 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

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

**GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

**Call to Order**

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 8, 2024

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 17, 2023 PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS JOINT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of the Joint Executive Session Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2024

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 17, 2023 PUBLIC SAFETY LOCAL FIRE AND POLICE PENSION BOARDS JOINT EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, HEEREN, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the complaint filed by the City against both boards

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, 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 9:37 A.M.

Chair Meraz noted that further discussion will be agendaized for a future joint meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the approval of Dr. John Liebert and Dr. Bernard Morenz. There had been a question during the August 8th meeting about whether or not he had an office in the Phoenix area or if he was only officing in Tucson. Ms. Ganger noted that Dr. Morenz does have an office in Tempe. They talked about the question of whether or not a vote is needed to add the two doctors to the IME physicians' list even though they are already part of the provider group that the Board works with. It was noted that the Board should let the medical group know which physicians they would prefer to use. Board Members expressed interest in waiting for the results of the medical board's investigation to make a decision about Dr. Liebert.

4. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no suggestions for upcoming agenda items.

## **Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED SIX (6) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, 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 9:43 a.m.

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