



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
POLICE LOCAL BOARD OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)  
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

**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 9:43 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
  - a. Regular Meeting: August 8, 2024

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 8, 2024 POLICE LOCAL BOARD PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM POLICE LOCAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Officer Steve Negrón

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Steve Negrón has 24.227 years of service. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER STEVE NEGRÓN. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Members reviewed and agreed upon answers to questions on the P5-PBA form.

3. Review and discuss death certificate provided to the Board regarding the Killed in the Line of Duty benefit application for Police Officer Ryan So, A.R.S. §38-842(13) and §38-846(D).

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY BENEFITS FOR POLICE OFFICER RYAN SO. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz expressed condolences for the family of Officer So.

4. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS

Chair Meraz noted that he would like to discuss something in executive session.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:48 A.M. TO 10:05 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS INTO PSPRS, FELIPE ACOSTA, LUCAS ELLIN, AND KYLE OHLER, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 12, 2024. THEY WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET INTO PSPRS. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no upcoming agenda items suggested.

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

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