



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

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Todd Cavner, Elected Member (MS Teams)

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

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney (MS Teams)

Call to Order

Board Member Springborn called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Board Member Springborn chaired the meeting because Chair Maraz was attending remotely.

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 Pension Board
 - a. Regular Meeting: April 10, 2025

CHAIR MERAZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2025, FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Approval of Fire Executive Session Meeting Minutes from April 10, 2025

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 10, 2025, FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, 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 Firefighter James Harris

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:04 A.M. TO 9:42 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO SEND FIREFIGHTER JAMES HARRIS TO AN ONCOLOGIST FOR A MEDICAL CHART REVIEW, NOT AN IN-PERSON IME, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDRESSING THE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH HIS RETURN TO WORK. DOCUMENTATION SHOULD INCLUDE AN OUTLINE OF THE CONDITIONAL CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE'S HANDLING OF CANCER CASES, DOCUMENTATION FROM THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT ADDRESSING THE TOPICS IDENTIFIED BY FIREFIGHTER HARRIS IN HIS MOST RECENT STATEMENT TO THE BOARD, THE CONCERNS THAT WERE PREVIOUSLY RAISED BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED TO HIS DIAGNOSIS, AND THE TIMELINE IN THE CHANGES FOR THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE'S HANDLING OF CASES. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Boyd was directed to produce the requested documentation with additional statements and questions to be included in the packet being sent to the IME doctor. The document does not require review and approval of the Board before submission.

4. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS

BOARD MEMBER BOYD MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTERS INTO PSPRS: JAZIAH APODACA, ANDREW ARNOTT, DANIEL ARTEAGA PELAYO, CHRISTOPHER CAMP, THOMAS CARRILLO, CARLOS CHAVEZ, JUSTIN GATES, JOSEPH KAEHR, DANE KOHL, AND JACE TROMBLEY WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 21, 2025. 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 CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no agenda items suggested.

Board Member Cavner inquired about new Board Member applications. Ms. Asmus said that no applications have been submitted.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. CHAIR MERAZ SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, 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 9:48 a.m.

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