



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

Thursday, January 8, 2026

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
Sasha Weller, Elected Member (MS Teams)

STAFF: Millie Carlson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary
Darlene Ganger, Sr. HR Benefits Analyst (MS Teams)

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney
Joseph Jesatko, Fire Engineer (MS Teams)

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Chair Meraz welcomed Captain Sasha Weller to the Board.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

Possible Executive Session

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – November 13, 2025

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2025, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Review and approval of executive session meeting minutes – November 13, 2025

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 13, 2025, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BOYD SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER WELLER ABSTAINED. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Engineer Joseph Jesatko

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:38 A.M. TO 10:33 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR FIRE ENGINEER JOSEPH JESATKO AND TO SEND HIM FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION WITH A PSYCHOLOGIST OR PSYCHIATRIST. BOARD MEMBER WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Fire Engineer Joseph Jesatko declined the opportunity to make comments.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter James Harris

Board Member Springborn noted that Firefighter Harris will be traveling for an unknown period of time starting on January 20 and would appreciate if an independent medical examination (IME) appointment could be scheduled prior to that date or a virtual examination be arranged. He said that based on discussions held during Executive Session, he would support using Dr. Morenz for the IME. Ms. Ganger said that Dr. Morenz' first availability will be in February.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR FIREFIGHTER JAMES HARRIS AND TO SEND HIM FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION WITH DR. MORENZ. BOARD MEMBER WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR

MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Discussion and vote on initiating request for proposal for new independent medical examiner contract

Board Member Springborn commented that he would like to have an opportunity to review independent medical examiner contracts that are outside the Board's current contractual relationship and to know if there are other physicians available through IME contracts, in particular doctors in the psychiatric field.

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6. Approval of 2025 PSPRS Fire Local Board Annual Report

Board Members tabled approval of the 2025 PSPRS Fire Local Board Annual Report and asked that a review be done for the number of meetings that the citizen member position was vacant and the total number of meetings held.

7. Report on results of election to fill the vacant Elected Member seat

Millie Carlson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, announced that Sasha Weller was elected to fill the Fire Local Board's vacant Elected Member seat.

8. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Future meetings could include the following items:

- Discussion regarding a cover letter to be included with IME requests, including consideration of the cover letter that is used by City of Phoenix, Scottsdale firefighter job descriptions and essential job functions, RFP, review of information obtained regarding IME contracts, and physicians who are available.

Adjournment

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

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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