



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
POLICE 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 (MS Teams)
Matt Heeren, Elected Member
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member

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

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. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – December 11, 2025

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2025, PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Review and approval of executive session meeting minutes – December 11, 2025

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 11, 2025, PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Mark S. Ashton

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ACCEPT THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER MARK S. ASHTON AND TO SEND HIM FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Review of 2025 PSPRS Police Local Board Annual Report

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS INTO PSPRS: COOPER LENNON ON DECEMBER 15, 2025; AND NICHOLAS ANDREWS, DOUGLAS CLEVERLY, MARLETTE CORDOVA BRINGAS, ZION PADILLA-MELTON, TRENTON SWAIN, AND RUBY TORRES ON DECEMBER 29, 2025. THEY WILL BE INDUCTED INTO PSPRS WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BOYD, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz noted that corrective lenses/vision are now included as a preexisting condition.

6. Board 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, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

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