



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

Thursday, August 13, 2026

North Corporation Yard – Anasazi Conference Room
9191 E San Salvador Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee (MS Teams, departed at 9:55 a.m.)
Bob Bessen, Citizen Member
Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head (MS Teams, departed at 9:55 a.m.)
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Sasha Weller, Elected Member (MS Teams)

STAFF: Millie Carlson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary (MS Teams)

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney (MS Teams)
Darleen Ganger, PSPRS Sr. HR Benefits Analyst (MS Teams)

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 – June 11, 2026

BOARD MEMBER BESSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 11, 2026, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING AS PRESENTED. BOARD MEMBER WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BESSEN, BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Discussion, review, and vote on possible action related to legal analysis to DROP and DROP extensions.

BOARD MEMBER BESSEN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BESSEN, BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:05 A.M. TO 9:40 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBER SASHA WELLER AS LIAISON TO CITY COUNCIL. BOARD MEMBER BESSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BESSEN, BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion, review, and possible action regarding extension of DROP for members who entered DROP upon legislative change.

BOARD MEMBER BESSEN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BESSEN, BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:43 A.M. TO 9:53 A.M.

BOARD MEMBER WELLER MOVED TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM NUMBER THREE UNTIL THE BOARD IS ABLE TO GET FURTHER INTERPRETATION OF HOW ITEM NUMBER TWO WILL IMPACT IT. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BESSEN, BOYD, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

*****Board Member Springborn Conducted the Open Meeting Session
after Chair Meraz' Departure*****

4. Discussion, review of Board expenditure for fiscal year 25-26 (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

Millie Carlson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, provided a brief overview of what was paid for IMEs (Independent Medical Examination) and Attorney fees during Fiscal Year 2026. Attorney Kelley clarified the highlighted portion on the bottom right side for the Fire and Police IME totals are legal fees. She further clarified the variances in the IME cost.

5. Board suggestions for upcoming items

Future agenda items could include:

- Update on DROP issue(s) for discussion and potential action.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER BESSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER WELLER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS BESSEN, SPRINGBORN, AND WELLER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. CHAIR MERAZ AND BOARD MEMBER BOYD WERE NOT PRESENT. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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