



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

**MINUTES**

Thursday, December 21, 2023

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

- PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member  
Todd Caverner, Elected Member
- ABSENT:** Monica Boyd, Citizen Member/Merit Head
- STAFF:** Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary  
Darlene Ganger, Sr. HR Benefits Analyst (telephonic)
- GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

**Call to Order**

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:34 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: November 16, 2023

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 16, 2023, PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOAD MEMBERS CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Discussion and possible action on the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Fire Captain Robert Welsh

Chair Meraz mentioned that there are only notes for one of the two medical providers in the packet. Ms. Kelley added that the documentation is lacking and that none of the physicians have said he is permanently disabled and is unable to work. There is no documentation of whether or not he is continuing with treatment. Board Member Cavner noted that Captain Welsh is continuing with treatment.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION IS RECEIVED. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOAD MEMBERS 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 Toru Kawana

Ms. Ganger confirmed that the amount Firefighter Kawana receives monthly from PSPRS will remain the same, since he is already retired. She noted that he left the city on October 22, 2022, due to health reasons. His disability application was received within the one-year time period. Board Member Springborn indicated that the fact that he is less than 20 years will affect his outcome with PSPRS. Ms. Ganger said she no longer handles that part of the paperwork; it is directly between PSPRS and the member.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR FIREFIGHTER TORU KAWANA. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOAD MEMBERS CAVNER, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Firefighter Kawana for his years of service.

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

4. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS

There were no new inductees.

5. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers, if any

There were no recently completed service transfers.

6. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Board Member Cavner suggested that a recap of the PTSD presentation be scheduled.

### **Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS 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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