



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

MINUTES

Thursday, August 11, 2022

Public Safety Headquarters
8401 E Indian School Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Amy Barczak, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Matt Heeren, Elected Member

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

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:06 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 Executive Minutes
 - a. Regular Meeting: June 16, 2022

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2. Approval of Minutes
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3. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Brandon P. Petermann

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION THROUGH ONE OF THE BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEDICAL SPECIALIST TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER BRANDON P. PETERMANN. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Retirement application of Police Officer Dan R. Smith

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Board Member Strobeck mentioned that legislation has been passed that deals specifically with PTSD and emotional treatments and he would like to discuss whether retirement is the appropriate step for Officer Smith.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:12 a.m. to 9:34 a.m.

Board Members discussed sending Officer Smith to an IME and include a request for clarification of whether the PTSD is due to the incident that occurred on his personal time or if it is related to incidents that occurred during the line of duty. Ms. Kelley suggested that if possible he be scheduled with Dr. Zatkowsky, because he is a psychologist who conducts his own testing. If he is not available, the Board agreed that Officer Smith should be sent to both a psychiatrist and a psychologist.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA REITERATED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION THROUGH ONE OF THE BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIALIST TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER DAN R. SMITH. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER STROBECK MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICER CESAR GARCIA-LOPEZ, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF AUGUST 1, 2022. HE WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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6. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recently completed service transfers.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Future agenda items could include:

- A presentation outlining the difference between ordinary disability and accidental disability

Ms. Asmus noted that the City has given approval for the use of MS Teams. Future meetings will be located at the North Corp Yard in the Anasazi room. She also said that staff would like to move the meetings to either the second or fourth Thursday of each month, because Ms. Ganger and Board Member Barczak work from home on the third Thursday of each month.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, BARCZAK, PALIWODA, AND HEEREN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

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