



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

MINUTES

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Meeting Held Electronically

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member
Todd Cavner, Elected Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member

ABSENT: Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head

STAFF: Alena Sampson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Senior HR Analyst-Fire
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Possible Executive Session

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – May 20, 2021

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MAY 20, 2021 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS

STROBECK, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTER RECRUIT DOMINIC CANCRO WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 24, 2021, AND SUNGHYUN AHN AND CONNOR ROACH WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JUNE 21, 2021. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and vote on the Ordinary Disability Application of Firefighter Hannah C. Chester

Item withdrawn.

4. Discussion and vote on the Normal Retirement Application of Fire Captain Kenneth Farrell

Ms. Sampson noted that Fire Captain Kenneth Farrell will retire on July 31, 2021 with 25.086 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,113.25. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE CAPTAIN KENNETH E. FARRELL. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS STROBECK, SPRINGBORN, AND CAVNER VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Captain Farrell for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

Board Member Springborn noted that Captain Farrell has served the community in a variety of capacities for almost 40 years.

5. Discussion on House Bill 2381

Ms. Sampson said that a copy of House Bill 2381, which goes into effect in January of 2022, was provided to Board Members for their review.

Ms. Kelley reviewed relevant changes in the bill. She said that some routine benefit matters, such as routine retirements, will no longer be reviewed by the local boards and instead will be sent to Public Safety. Local boards will continue to review disability benefits, line-of-duty death, and re-employment issues. The mention of consolidation is intended to give smaller boards the opportunity to combine so that the boards can operate more efficiently. Consolidation will not apply to Scottsdale local boards.

Ms. Kelley will provide the Boards with a memo summarizing the changes.

Chair Meraz suggested that the joint meeting on the Bylaws be further delayed in anticipation of the new guidance that is forthcoming as part of HB 2381.

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

Ms. Sampson mentioned that Ken Farrell and Steve Ferguson transferred time from Rural Metro.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Ms. Sampson indicated that there will be new recruits and a retirement for the August meeting. She noted that she expects Firefighter Chester to submit an application for accidental disability.

Adjournment

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

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

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