



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

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022

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

PRESENT: Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Lauren Beebe for Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head
Matt Heeren, Elected Member

ABSENT: Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member
Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member

STAFF: Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary

GUESTS: Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

Call to Order

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present as listed above.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

1. Discussion and action regarding ratification of action items taken at the February 24, 2022 meeting due to inadvertent lack of physical posting of the agenda.
 - a. Voted on and approved the minutes from the January 20, 2022 meeting

- b. Voted on and approved the 2021 PSPRS Police Local Board Annual Report
- c. Voted on and approved authorizing Sue Sola as back-up to the Police Local Board Secretary
- d. Voted on and approved the Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson
- e. Voted on and approved the DROP termination and normal retirement application of Police Sergeant Jose Ferreira
- f. Voted on and approved the DROP termination and normal retirement application of Police Sergeant Robert R. Rucker II
- g. Voted on and approved the normal retirement application of Police Officer Michael J. Hertko
- h. Voted on and approved the DROP application of Police Sergeant Wesley G. Shaffer III
- i. Voted on and approved the DROP application of Police Officer Arthur R. Vernon
- j. Voted on and approved the induction of two new Police Officers

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE RATIFICATION OF ACTION ITEMS TAKEN AT THE FEBRUARY 24, 2022 MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Discussion and vote on the Adoption of the PSPRS newly revised Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedures

Discussion ensued regarding potential additions to the Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedures. Ms. Kelley suggested that on page 8, number 4, under "medical examinations" something be added to include a psychological examination provided by a psychologist prior to sending the member to a psychologist for the IME. Board Members agreed that the wording indicate that the Board "may" send the applicant to a psychologist for testing prior to going to a psychologist for an IME, so that there is the option of sending them directly for the IME if they feel that is more appropriate. It was agreed to approve the document as written and agendaize further review and possible additions, including the addition of the word "may" at the next meeting so that all board members can participate in the discussion.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE PSPRS REVISED MODEL UNIFORM RULES OF LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement application of Police Officer Mark S. Johnson

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Mark S. Johnson entered the DROP on March 30, 2019 with 25.008 years of service. His retirement date is March 30, 2022. His monthly benefit is \$6,127.29. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER MARK S. JOHNSON. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Johnson for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

4. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) termination and normal retirement application of Police Officer Jaime A. Garcia

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Jaime A. Garcia entered the DROP on April 4, 2017 with 22.14 years of service. His retirement date is March 24, 2022. His monthly benefit is \$4,593.07. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER JAIME A. GARCIA. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Chair Meraz thanked Officer Garcia for his years of service and wished him a happy retirement.

5. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer Kevin L. Orvis

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Kevin L. Orvis entered the DROP on January 15, 2022 with 20.27 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$4,994.69. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER KEVIN L. ORVIS. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer Andrew B. Parker

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Andrew B. Parker entered the DROP on February 12, 2022 with 25.073 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,135.36. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER ANDREW B. PARKER. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

7. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer Derek S. Litchfield

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer Derek S. Litchfield entered the DROP on February 26, 2022 with 25.093 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,455.42. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER DEREK S. LITCHFIELD. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

8. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Lieutenant Daniel J. Kiricoples

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Lieutenant Daniel J. Kiricoples entered the DROP on January 29, 2022 with 21.969 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$6,869.39. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE LIEUTENANT DANIEL J. KIRICOPLES. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

9. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer John C. Heinzelman

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Officer John C. Heinzelman entered the DROP on January 29, 2022 with 20.288 years of service. His monthly benefit is \$5,057.74. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP TERMINATION AND NORMAL RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER JOHN C. HEINZELMAN. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

Chair Meraz noted that typically there is a cover sheet on the beginning of the packet of new inductees, that lists their pre-existing condition status. Board Members discussed whether or not the entire packet was necessary and if the cover sheet would suffice moving forward. Staff will inquire about the cover page that has been used in the past as well as whether the Board can sign off on new members without reviewing the entire packet.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS, GREGORY E. BACA WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 14, 2022 AND FAUSTIN A. LOPEZ AND KAYLA REED, WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 21, 2022. 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 BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

11. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recently completed service transfers.

12. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Upcoming agenda items include:

- Review and consideration of additions to Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedures.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BEEBE SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS HEEREN AND BEEBE VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

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