



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIRE LOCAL BOARD OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015  
Police and Fire Department Headquarters - Operations Room  
8401 E. Indian School Road**

**PRESENT:** Jack Cross, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee  
Todd Cavner, Elected Member  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member (arrived at 10:05 a.m.)  
Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member

**ABSENT:** Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head

**STAFF:** Ken Nemec  
Chanda Washington

**GUESTS:** Michael Ruiz

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members present as noted above.

**Possible Executive Session**

1. **Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes - December 4, 2014**

**BOARD MEMBER MERAZ MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 4, 2014 FIRE LOCAL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN NOT YET PRESENT. BOARD MEMBER BROWN WAS ABSENT.**

**2. Induction of new city of Scottsdale Fire Fighters, if any, into PSPRS**

Mr. Nemec announced that six firefighters are entering the PSPRS. The new firefighters were hired to fill various openings that have occurred over the last year and have been paid from their respective hire dates prior to entering the academy. Three of the six inductees have preexisting conditions noted. Mr. Nemec noted that because an RFP is out for a new medical provider, one new hire was examined by Scottsdale Healthcare and the other five were examined by the City of Phoenix Fire Department Health Center through an intercity agreement.

A brief discussion ensued regarding what qualifies as a preexisting condition, how they are identified and the importance of making complete records so that if a situation arises a future PSPRS Board will be able to make an educated determination.

**BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIRE FIGHTERS INTO THE PSPRS WITH THE FOLLOWING EFFECTIVE DATES: CHRISTOPHER BLINSON ON DECEMBER 29, 2014; TIFFINI CAMPBELL, KEVIN HUBBARD, JAMES JOBUSCH AND DAMON VALENCIA ON JANUARY 20, 2015; AND MICHAEL TWEET ON FEBRUARY 2, 2015. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PR-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER BROWN WAS ABSENT.**

**3. Discussion and vote on the recently prepared PSPRS Fire Local Board 2014 Annual Report**

Mr. Nemec briefly reviewed the annual report.

**BOARD MEMBER MERAZ MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER BROWN WAS ABSENT.**

**4. Discussion and vote on the survivor benefits application of Mrs. Linda M. Pickett, widow of deceased Fire Engineer Bruce D. Pickett**

Ms. Washington noted that Mrs. Pickett was presented with all options with regards to applying for survivor benefits and chose to apply for surviving spouse benefits. The monthly compensation for survivor benefits is \$2,668.35 and all paperwork is in order.

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SURVIVOR BENEFITS APPLICATION OF MRS. LINDA PICKETT, WIDOW OF DECEASED FIRE ENGINEER BRUCE D. PICKETT. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER BROWN WAS ABSENT.**

Board member Springborn noted that although Mrs. Pickett applied for survivor benefits instead of killed in the line of duty benefits, lung cancer is a presumptive cancer common to firefighters.

**5. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Fighter Michael D. Ruiz**

Mr. Nemecek noted that Fire Fighter Michael D. Ruiz has a lengthy medical file going back to 2001 with a significant injury in 2008 and an exacerbating injury in 2015. Mr. Ruiz has been receiving care from Arizona Spine Center and Scottsdale Healthcare during this period. All paperwork is in order.

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION TO DR. MICHAEL SEIVERT TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIRE FIGHTER MICHAEL D. RUIZ. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Board Member Meraz noted an error in a date on the application. February 3, 2013 should be February 3, 2015.

Mr. Ruiz gave a synopsis of what happened to cause and exacerbate his injuries.

**THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER BROWN WAS ABSENT.**

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

There were no transfers of service.

**7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items.**

There were no Board Member suggestions.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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