



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIRE LOCAL BOARD OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)
REGULAR MEETING - MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015
Police and Fire Department Headquarters - Operations Room
8401 E. Indian School Road**

PRESENT: Todd Cavner, Elected Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head

STAFF: Sue Sola

GUESTS: Hannah Auckland

CALL TO ORDER

Board Member Meraz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as noted above.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPOINT BOARD MEMBER MERAZ AS ACTING CHAIR FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

Possible Executive Session

Board Member Springborn inquired whether it was necessary for the executive session outline to specifying particular agenda items. Ms. Auckland explained that the City of Scottsdale requires as much specificity as possible on meeting agendas, including which items could have a need for executive session.

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes - September 17, 2015

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 FIRE LOCAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

2. Review and approval of executive session meeting minutes - September 17, 2015

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2015 FIRE LOCAL BOARD REGULAR MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Fire Fighters into PSPRS, if any

Ms. Sola asked that the item be tabled until the next meeting.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO TABLE THE INDUCTION OF NEW CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIRE FIGHTERS INTO PSPRS UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0).

4. Discuss how PSPRS handles eligible child and guardian benefits

In response to a question about the eligible child benefits case that was on the September agenda, Ms. Sola read the emailed response received from Tara Davis at PSPRS. The email explained that an eligible child must be paid directly after reaching the age of 18. If the member passes away with children over the age of 18, a new application for that child would be submitted together with the survivor's application. Eligible survivors would receive 80% and eligible children over 18 would share in a 10% payment as long as they remain eligible.

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

There were no recently completed transfers of service.

6. Discussion of Fire Joinder Agreement and Update on Hall v. Elected Officials

In response to a question about the minutes language of the Scottsdale meeting during which the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Fund Manager approved the joinder agreement, Ms. Auckland explained that the motion language does not limit the purchase of credited service to five years as has been enacted in the statute. The motion language does say that the joinder agreement can be modified to include previous service credits as long as there is mutual agreement between the City, the firefighters, and the fund.

Ms. Auckland gave an update on the Hall v. Elected Officials case, which is one of four cases filed after the statutory changes to the pension systems in 2010/2011. She briefly discussed the Fields v. Elected Officials case in which the Court ruled that the changes that were made were unconstitutional as they affected retired judges. The Hall case consists of two active judges suing over changes to the calculation of contributions and COLA. The Superior Court ruled in their favor and the case is now pending in Arizona Supreme Court. Two more cases are pending and should be heard by Supreme Court sometime next year.

Board Member Springborn said that his understanding from discussions with the Administrator is that the City has the ability to go over the cap, but an individual does not have the ability to go over the five-year cap.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no additional suggestions for upcoming agenda items.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by AVTronics Inc., d/b/a AVTranz Transcription and Reporting Services