



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIRE LOCAL BOARD OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2016
Police and Fire Department Headquarters - Operations Room
8401 E. Indian School Road**

PRESENT: Jeff Burg, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee
Todd Cavner, Elected Member
Steve Springborn, Elected Member
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head

ABSENT: Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member

STAFF: Sue Sola
Chanda Washington
Tammy Turkonich

GUESTS: Hanna Auckland
Daniel Bunce
Paul Bunce

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Burg called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present as noted above.

Possible Executive Session

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

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2015 FIRE LOCAL BOARD

REGULAR MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER MERAZ WAS ABSENT.

2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Fire Fighter into PSPRS

Ms. Sola announced that three firefighters were entering PSPRS.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF THREE NEW SCOTTSDALE FIRE FIGHTERS VICTOR SHORT, RYAN FORSYTHE, AND MATTHEW FLEEGLE INTO PSPRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 4, 2016. THEY WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PREEXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER MERAZ WAS ABSENT.

Board Member Springborn noted that Matthew Fleegle had a preexisting condition noted on his medical chart.

3. Discussion and vote on the recently prepared PSPRS Fire Local Board 2015 Annual Report

Board Member Springborn said that since the last meeting, he submitted additional information to staff that was added to the report.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD 2015 ANNUAL REPORT. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER MERAZ WAS ABSENT.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of former Fire Battalion Chief Daniel R. Bunce

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO WAIVE THE SUBMISSION TIME FRAME RESTRICTION. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION.

Ms. Washington noted that the time frame restrictions do not apply to IME reports. The practice has been to observe the submission timeframes for application submissions, but staff does not always forward information to Board Members within a ten-day time frame. Brief discussion ensued regarding the policy. Ms. Auckland confirmed that the ten-day policy does not apply to IME reports. Chair Burg asked that staff review the rules and report back to the Board.

THE MOTION TO WAIVE THE SUBMISSION TIME FRAME RESTRICTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER MERAZ WAS ABSENT.

Ms. Washington noted that Fire Battalion Chief Daniel R. Bunce was placed on light duty on August 7, 2015, provided a letter to staff requesting disability retirement application on August 24, 2015 and his employment ended with the City on August 25, 2015. On

November 4 he submitted his application for a disability retirement and provided medical documentation.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FORMER FIRE BATTALION CHIEF DANIEL R. BUNCE SINCE HE DOES MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR BOTH THE PULMONARY INJURY AND THE MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURY, SUBJECT TO FINAL PAYROLL CALCULATIONS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A VOTE OF FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBER MERAZ WAS ABSENT.

5. Discussion of future motions for issuance of independent medical examinations

Ms. Washington requested that in the future, motions sending applicants for IME's be made generalized as specified in the motions outline. She explained that based on the verbiage of a recent motion specifying a vascular surgeon, she had a difficult time arranging for an IME, which resulted in postponement of the processing of the application. She further explained that there were other specialists who were qualified to conduct the same examination.

Discussion ensued regarding the importance of using specialized physicians for unique medical situations. Chair Burg suggested that where necessary the motion language be phrased in such a way to articulate the skill set that is required, not specifying a particular specialty.

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

Ms. Sola noted that Ethan Ritterbusch is transferring 0.767 years of service from Tonopah Valley Fire District. Damon Valencia is transferring 0.326 years of service from Globe Fire. Patrick Wiatrolik is transferring 1.310 years of service from Williamson Fire Department.

Board Member Springborn requested that staff provide the Board with the funding ratio percentage base for each of the three departments the members are transferring from.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Ms. Washington said that one or two disability retirement applications could be ready for next month's agenda.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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