



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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 22, 2016**

**Police and Fire Department Headquarters – Operations Room  
8401 E. Indian School Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85251**

**PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member  
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member (telephonic)

**ABSENT:** Jeff Burg, Chairperson/Mayoral designee  
Todd Caverner, Elected Member

**STAFF:** Sue Sola

**Call to Order**

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

**BOARD MEMBER MERAZ MOVED TO APPOINT HIMSELF AS CHAIRPERSON FOR THE DURATION OF THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIRPERSON BURG AND BOARD MEMBER CAVNER WERE ABSENT.**

**Roll Call**

Members present as noted above.

**Possible Executive Session**

- 1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – August 25, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 25, 2016 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH**

**CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIRPERSON BURG AND BOARD MEMBER CAVNER WERE ABSENT.**

**2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale fire fighter into PSPRS**

Ms. Sola noted that Megan Norling is being inducted into PSPRS as of September 19, 2016 with no preexisting conditions.

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIRE FIGHTER MEGAN NORLING INTO PSPRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2016. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIRPERSON BURG AND BOARD MEMBER CAVNER WERE ABSENT.**

**3. Discussion and vote on renewal of annual contract with the Grasso Law Firm as Counsel to the Board and approval of increase to counsel's hourly rate**

In the chair's absence, the Board discussed tabling the item.

**BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON THE RENEWAL OF THE ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH THE GRASSO LAW FIRM UNTIL A FUTURE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). CHAIRPERSON BURG AND BOARD MEMBER CAVNER WERE ABSENT.**

**4. PSPRS Update regarding PSPRS Stakeholder Comment Period Coming Soon & 2016 Legislative Update**

Ms. Sola noted that the Board received information announcing that stakeholders are invited to respond to a pending draft report that will provide recommendations on risk pooling and local board consolidation.

She distributed information which stated:

- The draft is scheduled to be released in the coming weeks.
- Feedback on the draft report offered by Cortex Applied Research will be accepted during the month of October.
- The study commissioned by PSPRS in May was mandated by state law passed in 2016 in order to examine potential cost savings and other improvements for Arizona's Public Safety Pension System.
- The study is expected to identify methods in which risk pooling and board consolidation could be achieved and whether methods are peaceful and in the best interest of the PSPRS Trust employees, members, and retirees.
- Under State law, the study must be presented on or prior to January 15, 2017, to the PSPRS Board of Trustees, which in turn must consider and report its recommendations for legislation to the Arizona Senate President, the Speaker of the Arizona House of Representatives, and the Governor by February 15, 2017.
- Passed by the Legislature and signed into law by Governor Doug Ducey in February, SB1428 established a mandatory review and other reforms to Arizona's pension system,

including a new benefit structure for future employees and changes to methods used by PSPRS to provide pension increases to retirees.

There was no further information available on the website. A webinar of the 2016 Legislative update held in July is available for viewing on YouTube.

**5. Report to the Board on recently completed transfers of service**

Ms. Sola noted that Steve Randall is receiving an additional 1.474 years of service based on a recalculation applying a 2012 legislative change that was previously not applied to his account.

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

Ms. Sola will conduct research to find out more information about the 2016 Legislative update.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

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