Call to Order

Chair Burg called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.m.

Roll Call

Members present as indicated above.

Possible Executive Session

1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – April 27, 2017

Board Member Springborn noted that Jeff Perry was not in attendance at the April meeting and that under section four Fire Fighter Patrick John Schuller was sent for an IME with Dr. Seivert but was not a DROP application.
BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE AS AMENDED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 23, 2017 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

2. Induction of new City of Scottsdale fire Fighters into PSPRS, if any

There were no new inductees.

3. Discussion on the continued use of Dr. Seivert as an IME doctor

Chair Burg recalled the conversation from the April meeting regarding the status of Dr. Seivert as a Board IME, noting that additional information has been brought to light.

Discussion ensued regarding Dr. Sievert including his status as a non-Board certified physician and the possibility of perception of impropriety of sending all IME's of a certain type to him. Dr. Sievert is under a separate contract with the City apart from MCN and his billing comes from his office.

Staff and Ms. Auckland were unclear on the reason for the discrepancy during a recent billing example between the $3,400 that was recently charged and the $2,000 fee that was agreed to under contract. Ms. Beebe said that the additional fees were not a result of billing through MCN, they were directly from Dr. Sievert's office. Chair Burg speculated that the higher fee might be his regular rate for those who are not under contract. Board Members opined that Dr. Sievert should continue to be used as the IME for certain injuries because of his experience and skill in diagnosing and articulating the IME results.

Ms. Auckland confirmed that Board certification is not a requirement to conduct an IME and commented that most boards use the IME network rather than having a contract with an individual physician. Ms. Beebe said her only concern was that a non-Board certified physician might not be up to date on technology protocols.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH DR. SIEVERT. BOARD MEMBER MERAZ SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Patrick John Schuller

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIREFIGHTER PATRICK JOHN SCHULLER AND TO SEND HIM TO DR. SIEVERT FOR AN IME. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).
5. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Fire Captain Nicholas James Lorenz

Ms. Sampson noted that Firefighter Lorenz's accidental disability application is effective as of May 31, 2017. He has 11.918 years of service and his monthly benefit would be $4,052.11. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF CAPTAIN NICHOLAS JAMES LORENZ AND SEND HIM TO MCN FOR AN IME. BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

6. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recent service transfers.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Adjournment

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

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