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

MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, September 28, 2017  

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

PRESENT:  
Jeff Burg, Chairperson/ Mayor Designee  
Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member (telephonic)  
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head  
Steve Springborn, Elected Member  
Todd Cavner, Elected Member

STAFF:  
Alena Sampson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Sr. HR Analyst-Fire  
Sue Sola, Sr. HR Analyst-Police  
Lauren Beebe, HR Manager-Benefits  
Darlene Ganger, Sr. HR Benefits Analyst

GUESTS:  
Hannah Auckland, PSPRS Local Board Attorney  
Tarynn Everett, Firefighter (retired)

Call to Order  
Chair Burg called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Roll Call  
Members present as listed above.

Possible Executive Session
1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – August 24, 2017

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 24, 2017 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN 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

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTER LUKE MATTHEWS INTO PSPRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 WITH PRE-EXISTING 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 UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF CITY OF SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTER MICAH PAGUIA INTO PSPRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017 AND WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE MEMBER HAS THE ABILITY TO PRESENT EVIDENCE REFUTING THE PREEXISTING CONDITION. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

3. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Tarynn F. Everett

Ms. Sampson noted that Firefighter Tarynn F. Everett will be retiring on September 30, 2017 with 12.252 years of service. His monthly pension will be $3,923.86. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIREFIGHTER TARYNN F. EVERETT SINCE HE DOES MEET THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS, SUBJECT TO FINAL PAYROLL CALCULATIONS AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

Board Members thanked Firefighter Everett for his years of service.

4. Discussion and possible vote on the possibility of using only a psychiatrist for psychiatric IMEs instead of both a psychologist and a psychiatrist

Ms. Sampson said that a list of providers was included in the Board binder. Discussion ensued regarding the ability of the available psychiatrists to perform all of the needs of a psychiatric IME.
It was the consensus of the Board Members to move forward with using a psychiatrist from the list of providers provided to perform psychiatric IMEs. If it is found that the PSPRS IME evaluation requirements are not able to be met, the Board will revisit the issue.

5. Discussion and possible vote on a past action designating Dr. Seivert as the recommended physician for future disability retirement cases

Chair Burg said that in reviewing the minutes of the discussions held seven years ago regarding Dr. Seivert, he found that discussions were extensive and resulted in a motion agreeing that Dr. Seivert would be exclusively used to conduct IMEs within his specialty.

Discussion ensued regarding the issues surrounding the decision to elect to exclusively use Dr. Seivert, finding other doctors who understand the requirements of a PSPRS IME, and the financial savings that could be realized by contracting directly with a doctor instead of using a network such as MCN. Chair Burg reiterated that at this point the use of Dr. Seivert is Board policy and any change would require a vote by the Board. Chair Burg and Board Member Meraz stated that they would be more comfortable if there were not an exclusive use of one doctor. Board Member Brown stated that she has no strong feeling one way or the other. Board Member Cavner noted that he understands that if he or any other members who are regular patients of Dr. Seivert were in need of an IME, they would have to be referred to someone else.

Board Member Springborn said that in an effort to be as transparent as possible, he would be in favor of selecting two or three additional doctors who understand the PSPRS needs.

It was the consensus of the Board to direct Chair Burg and staff to invite the PSPRS Police Board to have a joint meeting to discuss working together on selecting a panel of doctors who understand the PSPRS system and with whom the Boards might be able to negotiate a direct contract.

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

There were no service transfers.

7. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

Board Member Springborn said that he expects members who have information regarding their pre-existing conditions to come forward within the next couple of months.

Ms. Sampson noted that there will be new firefighters and service transfers in October.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.