Presents: Hugo Meraz, Citizen Member  
Tommy Jensen, Elected Member  
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member  

Absent: Jeff Burg, Chairperson/Mayor Designee  
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head  

Staff: Alena Sampson, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Sr. HR Analyst-Fire  
Darlene Ganger, Sr. HR Benefits Analyst  
Rommel Cordova, Management Assistant  

Call to Order  
Board Member Meraz called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.  

Board Member Paliwoda moved to appoint Hugo Meraz as Chairperson for the duration of this meeting. Board Member Jensen seconded the motion, which carried three (3) to zero (0). Board Members Jensen, Meraz, and Paliwoda voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes.  

Roll Call  
Members present as listed above.
Possible Executive Session

1. "Save the Date" cards for upcoming Annual Boards/Commissions Appreciation event

Rommel Cordova, Management Assistant, invited Board Members to attend the Boards and Commissions Appreciation Reception on Thursday, May 16, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Scottsdale Airport.

2. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes - February 21, 2019

Board Member Paliwoda noted that he attended the meeting in person, not telephonically as indicated.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE WITH CHANGES NOTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21, 2019 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER JENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER JENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS NICOLE PLESHER, ADAM CAIN AND HEATHER MCCORKEL WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MARCH 11, 2019 AND PAIGE ROBERTSON WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 1, 2019. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer Brooke E. Scritchfield

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Brooke E. Scritchfield entered the DROP on February 16, 2019 with approximately 20.397 years of service. Her total monthly benefit will be $4,193.90. All of her paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER BROOKE E. SCRITCHFIELD. BOARD MEMBER JENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.
5. Discussion and vote on the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan) application of Police Officer George D. King

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer George D. King entered the DROP on March 2, 2019 with approximately 25.038 years of service. His total monthly benefit will be $5,020.68. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE DROP APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER GEORGE D. KING. BOARD MEMBER JENSEN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

6. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Officer Thaddeus C. Benton

Ms. Sampson noted that Police Officer Thaddeus C. Benton will be retiring April 30, 2019 with approximately 19.293 years of service. His monthly disability benefit will be $3,912.30. All of his paperwork is in order.

BOARD MEMBER JENSEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE OFFICER THADDEUS C. BENTON. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Meraz thanked Officer Benton for his years of service.

7. Discussion and vote on the request by Police Officer Richard Hollibaugh to be allowed to purchase time although he is currently in the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan)

Police Officer Richard Hollibaugh confirmed that Board Members received all information that was sent to them regarding his need to get the Board’s approval to apply to buy back time through PSPRS. He explained that he purchased time in both 2007 and 2011, and would have purchased time again at his 20-year mark, had PSPRS not changed the rules in 2012, which put him in a position where he was not allowed to purchase more time. Based on the new rules and an assumption that he would not be permitted to purchase more time, he opted to enter the DROP at that time. Recently, PSPRS reverted to the old rules and has begun making adjustments and grandfathering people, enabling those who wish to, to buy back more time. However, because Officer Hollibaugh is now in the DROP, he is being not only refused his buyback, but is unable to obtain any information from PSPRS. PSPRS has indicated to him that if he is able to get approval from the City of Scottsdale Local PSPRS Local Board to do a buyback, they will allow him to access his information and do a buyback if he then desires. He noted that he is the first to take this action, but knows of a captain in the Scottsdale Fire Department as well as others throughout Arizona in similar situations.

Discussion ensued and Board Members agreed that the item should be tabled until a full board is present.
BOARD MEMBER JENSEN MOVED TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION UNTIL A FULL BOARD IS PRESENT. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

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

There were no recent service transfers.


There were no suggestions.

Adjournment

BOARD MEMBER JENSEN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED THREE (3) TO ZERO (0). BOARD MEMBERS JENSEN, MERAZ, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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