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 - April 18, 2019

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2019 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD
MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

2. Review and approval of executive session meeting minutes - April 18, 2019

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 18, 2019 PSPRS FIRE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Firefighters into PSPRS

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE FIREFIGHTER RECRUITS ANDY HO AND BRIAN FIKE INTO PSPRS WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 29, 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 MERAZ SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

Board Member Springborn noted that he did not receive the medical documents.

4. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Firefighter Michael J. Karras

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:59 A.M. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. BOARD MEMBER BROWN NOT PRESENT.

Chair Burg confirmed for staff that supplementary medical information can be sent to the IME if it is obtained at a later date.

BOARD MEMBER MERAZ MOVED TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION THROUGH ONE OF THE BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PROVIDERS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEDICAL SPECIALIST TO SERVE AS THE MEDICAL BOARD FOR THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL J. KARRAS. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. BOARD MEMBER BROWN WAS NOT PRESENT.

Board Member Springborn stressed the importance of ensuring that the doctor note whether or not the injury is related to the pre-existing injury noted in the 2005 record.
5. Discussion and vote on a past action designating Dr. Seivert as the recommended physician for future disability retirement cases

Chair Burg said they would discuss this item out of order to ensure that all Board Members could participate, as this matter has been pending for a while. Ms. Sampson reviewed the list of IME physicians, highlighting the physicians recommended by prior board counsel and those used by the Chandler and Tempe boards.

Discussion ensued regarding the list of physicians and the two companies that the city is contracted with, IME and MCN. Ms. Ganger said that the only restriction to workers’ comp doctors is that they cannot have ever seen the employee in need of an IME. Ms. Kelley noted that it cannot be someone who is regularly employed by the City as a workers’ comp doctor.

Chair Burg said that his preference would be to allow staff to work with Integrative Medical Evaluations (IME) or MCN to identify appropriate doctors to perform IME’s. Staff is able to manage the expectations of the Board, including finding physicians who have PSPRS experience and have not done workers’ comp cases for the City.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED USE OF DR. SIEVERT AS WELL AS INTEGRATED MEDICAL EVALUATIONS (IME) OR MCN PHYSICIANS FOR FUTURE DISABILITY RETIREMENT CASES.

Ms. Ganger noted that the contract goes out to bid every five years. If new contractors are selected at that time, a new vote will be required if the agencies are specified in this motion.

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER AMENDED HIS MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTINUED USE OF DR. SIEVERT AS WELL AS THE CITY’S CONTRACTED IME VENDORS.

Board Member Springborn argued that PSPRS physicians should not be restricted to City contracts.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN SECONDED THE AMENDED MOTION.

BOARD MEMBER SPRINGBORN MOVED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:50 A.M. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

THE AMENDED MOTION CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ONE (1). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. BOARD MEMBER CAVNER DISSENTED.

6. Discussion and vote on the request by Fire Captain Jeff Perry to be allowed to purchase time although he is currently in the DROP (Deferred Retirement Option Plan)

The item was tabled until a future meeting.
7. **Discussion of future process of selecting the Local Board Attorney**

The item was tabled until a future meeting.

8. **Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers**

Ms. Sampson noted that there are four service transfers. Three are approaching 20 years, one approaching 30 years.

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

Discussion about Captain Perry's request to purchase time and the Local Board Attorney selection process will be included on a future agenda.

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER CAVNER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER MERAZ SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR BURG, BOARD MEMBERS CAVNER, MERAZ, AND SPRINGBORN VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES. BOARD MEMBER BROWN NOT PRESENT.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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