

## Superstition Fire & Medical District

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## <u>Public Safety Personnel Retirement System</u> Local Pension Board Meeting Minutes

## December 6, 2016

PURSUANT TO A.R.S. 38.431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC THAT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT ("SFMD") PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("PSPRS"), THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD HELD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2016. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SUPERSTITION FIRE & MEDICAL DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, AT 565 N. IDAHO ROAD, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA. THE MEETING WAS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND BEGAN AT 4:00 P.M.

- A. Chairperson Gene Gehrt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Ron Olm.
- C. Roll Call showed Local Board Chairperson Gene Gehrt and Local Board Members Jim Geil, Ron Olm, and Carlos Rivera were present. Board Member Rueben Briones was absent. Also present were Assistant Chief Brett Broman, Finance Director Roger Wood, Accounting Specialist Jennifer Burke, Division Chief Rick Ochs, and Captain Jack Hafer.
- 1. Review and possible approval of the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.
  - Motion by Local Board Member Olm to approve the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board minutes. Second by Local Board Member Geil. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed. Chairperson Gehrt signed the August 29, 2016 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.
- 2. Call to Public.

None.

3. Discussion and possible approval of Jack Hafer's application of termination of his participation in the DROP program and to apply for normal retirement.

Captain Hafer entered the DROP program on 12/18/2011 and agreed to terminate his employment with SFMD on or before December 31, 2016. He has provided notice to SFMD of his retirement effective December 30, 2016.

Motion by Local Board Member Geil to approve Jack Hafer's application for termination of his participation in the DROP program, and approve his application for normal retirement. Seconded by Local Board Member Rivera. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

4. Discussion and possible approval of Richard (Rick) Ochs' application to participate in the DROP program.

Division Chief Rick Ochs has applied to enter the DROP program on December 31, 2016. He has completed all necessary paperwork. Rick must terminate employment with SFMD no later than December 31, 2021 in order to comply with DROP guidelines. He started with SFMD on September 2, 1991, and enters the DROP with 25.33 years of service.

Motion by Local Board Member Rivera to approve Rick Ochs' application to participate in the DROP program, and to acknowledge Rick must terminate employment with SFMD on or before December 31, 2021. Seconded by Local Board Member Geil. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding setting the date / time of the next SFMD Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Meeting.

The Local Pension Board discussed the fact that Captain Paul Perkins has indicated he wants to enter the DROP program effective February 28, 2017. Therefore the Local Pension Board must meet sometime during February prior to that date. The next Local Pension Board meeting has been scheduled for February 14, 2017.

Additional tentative dates in 2017 have been established for future Local Pension Board meetings:

- May 16, 2017
- August 15, 2017
- November 14, 2017

Motion by Local Board Member Geil to approve February 14, 2017 as the date for the next regularly scheduled Local Pension Board meeting. Seconded by Board Member Olm. Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

- 6. Announcements and Information.
  - A. Roger Wood provided the Local Pension Board with an overview of the status of the Hall vs. PSPRS court ruling.
  - B. Roger Wood informed the Board that John Walka, Vice President of Superstition Fire's Local Chapter of PFFA 2260, will facilitate the selection of a replacement for Board Member Rueben Briones whose service ends December 31, 2016. The new Board Member will be sworn in at the February 14, 2017 Local Pension Board meeting.

## 6. Adjourn.

Motion by Board Member Rivera to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m. Seconded by Board Member Olm. Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion passed.

**Board Approval:** 

Preliminary minutes mailed to PSPRS on December 8, 2016.

Gene Gehrt, Bodrá Chairperson

Roger Wood