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**Public Safety Personnel Retirement System**  
**Local Pension Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 18, 2020**

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, AUGUST 18, 2020. 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. Chairman Larry Strand called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director John Walka
- C. Roll Call showed Local Board Chairman Larry Strand, Board Member Ron Olm and Board Member John Walka were present. Board Member Charles Hanson and Jim Geil were not present. Also present were Fire Chief Mike Farber, Board Secretary Sherry Mueller, Administrative Services Director Anna Butel, Assistant Chief Richard Mooney, Acting Assistant Chief Jeff Cranmer and Finance Director Roger Wood.

- 1. *Review and possible approval of the June 16, 2020 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.*

**Motion** by Local Board Member Olm to approve the June 16, 2020 Local Pension Board minutes.

**Seconded** by Local Board Member Walka  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

- 2. *Call to Public.*  
None.
- 3. Discussion and possible approval of William (Bill) Tavares’ application to retire from PSPRS on 9-4-2020.

Engineer William Tavares has applied to retire from PSPRS on 9/4/2020. He has completed all the necessary paperwork.

William must terminate employment with SFMD no later than 9/4/2020. William started with SFMD on 6/5/2006 and retires with 20.002 years of service.

**Motion** by Board Member Olm to approve William Tavares' application to retire on 9/4/2020 and acknowledge that William must terminate employment with Superstition Fire & Medical District on September 4, 2020.

**Seconded** by Local Board Member Walka  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

4. Discussion and possible approval of Paul Perkins' application for termination of his participation in the DROP program and to apply for normal retirement on 9/8/2020.

Captain Paul Perkins entered the DROP program on 2/28/2017 when he agreed to terminate his employment with SFMD on or before 2/28/2022. He has provided notice to SFMD of his retirement effective September 8, 2020.

**Motion** by Board Member Walka to approve Paul Perkin's termination of his participation in the DROP program and approve his application for normal retirement 9/8/2020.

**Seconded** by Local Board Member Olm  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

5. Discussion and possible approval of John Taylor's application to participate in the DROP program entering on 9/30/2020.

Engineer John Taylor has applied to enter the DROP program on 9/30/2020. He has completed all the necessary paperwork.

John must terminate employment with SFMD no later than 9/30/2025. John started with SFMD on 9/5/2000 and enters the DROP with 20.071 years of service.

**Motion** by Board Member Olm to approve John Taylor's application to participate in the DROP program and acknowledge that John must terminate employment with Superstition Fire & Medical District on or before September 30, 2025.

**Seconded** by Local Board Member Walka  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

6. Discussion and possible approval of John Suniga's application to retire from PSPRS on 10/22/2020.

Engineer John Suniga has applied to retire from PSPRS on 10/22/2020. He has completed all the necessary paperwork.

John started with SFMD on 12/18/1992 and retires with 27.847 years of service.

**Motion** by Board Member Walka to approve John Suniga's application to retire on 10/22/2020 and acknowledge that John must terminate employment with SFMD on October 22, 2020.

**Seconded** by Local Board Member Olm  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

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7. Discussion and possible action to review the date / time of the next SFMD Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Meeting.

In accordance with ARS §38-847 (3), a local pension board meeting will be held at least twice annually, otherwise scheduled as needed. In the absence of a quorum (consisting of three member, at least one of whom shall be one of the members elected by secret ballot) for a scheduled meeting, the Chairperson or any two members of the Board may reschedule the meeting as a special meeting. Any meeting may be continued to a later date.

The following date(s) is recommended for the next Local Board Meeting:

- **Tuesday February 16, 2021**

In accordance with ARS §38-847 (3), a local pension board meeting will be held at least twice annually, otherwise scheduled as needed. In the absence of a quorum (consisting of three member, at least one of whom shall be one of the members elected by secret ballot) for a scheduled meeting, the Chairperson or any two members of the Board may reschedule the meeting as a special meeting. Any meeting may be continued to a later date.

**Motion** by Board Member Olm to confirm **Tuesday, February 16, 2021** as the date of the next scheduled Local Pension Board Meeting.

**Seconded** by Board Member Walka  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed**

8. Announcements.  
Board Member John Walka announced that the Labor Union met and voted in two new members to sit on the Local Pension Board in replacement of Engineer Charles (Chuck) Hanson and Captain John Walka. The new Suppression members will be sworn in at the next Local Pension Board Meeting.

9. Adjourn.

**Motion** by Board Member Olm to adjourn the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

**Seconded** by Board Member Walka  
Vote 3 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

**Board Approval:**

**Preliminary minutes emailed to PSPRS on August 19, 2020.**

  
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*Board Chairman Todd House*

Sherry Mueller

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