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Public Safety Personnel Retirement System
Local Pension Board Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2021

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, FEBRUARY 18, 2021. 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 2:00 P.M.

- A. Chairman Todd House called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Crowley
- C. Roll Call showed Local Board Chairman Todd House, Board Member Ron Olm, Board Member Jim Geil and Board Member James Crowley and Board Member Zachary Leon were present. Also present were Board Secretary Sherry Mueller, Fire Chief Mike Farber, Administrative Services Director Anna Butel, Assistant Chief Rich Mooney, Captain John Walka, and guest speakers Brian Moore (PSPRS) and Stan Hoover (Principal).

- 1. *Review and possible approval of the January 14, 2021 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.*

Motion by Local Board Member Olm to approve the January 14, 2021 Local Pension Board minutes.

Seconded by Local Board Member Geil
Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. **Motion passed.**

- 2. *Call to Public.*
None.

- 3. **Discussion and possible approval of the *Engagement and Retainer Agreement* to retain Cynthia K. Kelley, Esq. of Ryan Rapp Underwood & Pacheco PLC as the Local Pension Board attorney.**

Motion by Local Board Member Crowley to approve and retain Cynthia K. Kelley, Esq. of Ryan Rapp Underwood & Pacheco PLC as the Superstition Fire & Medical District Local Pension Board attorney.

Seconded by Board Member Leon
Vote 5 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

4. Training, discussion and possible direction for the Local Pension Board regarding roles and responsibilities, approvals and various types of PSPRS retirements and specifically medical retirements, Open Meeting Law and Local Pension Board Bylaws.

A presentation and training was provided by Brian Moore of PSPRS and Stan Hoover of Nationwide relating to Disability Retirements with PSPRS. The topics discussed were:

- Role of an Elected Board Member
- The Disability Process
- Fact Finding – Building a Record for Legal Review
- Getting information you need
- Cancer Issues
- Covid-19

No Motion

5. Possible Vote to go into Executive Session. The Board may vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) to discuss or consider confidential records exempt by law from public inspection, and/or to consult with the Board’s attorney for legal advice and to consider the Board’s position and to instruct the Board’s attorney regarding its position on item 4(a). The Board will take action on this item in open session.

a. Consideration, Discussion and possible action and/or approval regarding the Application for Accidental Disability for George A. Martinez.

Former employee George A. Martinez has applied for an Accidental Disability Retirement with PSPRS.

Motion Local Board Member Geil to go in to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) at **2:05 p.m.** to discuss or consider confidential records exempt by law from public inspection, and/or to consult with Board’s attorney for legal advice and to consider the Board’s position and to instruct the Board’s attorney regarding item 5.(a): Consideration, Discussion and possible action and/or approval regarding the Application for Accidental Disability for George A. Martinez.”

Seconded by Board Member Leon
Vote 5 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

6. Return to Public Session at 2:39 p.m. Discussion and possible direction regarding the application for Accidental Disability for George A. Martinez.

Chairman Todd House stated the Pension Board has accepted and acknowledged the application by George Anthony Martinez for his request to move forward on his accidental disability retirement application with PSPRS.

No Motion

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 is recommended for the next Local Board Meeting:

- **Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

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 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. as the date of the next scheduled Local Pension Board Meeting.

Seconded by Board Member Leon
Vote 5 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed**

8. **Announcements.**
None.

9. **Adjourn.**

Motion by Board Member Geil to adjourn the meeting at 4:36 p.m.

Seconded by Board Member Leon
Vote 5 ayes, 0 nays. **Motion passed.**

Board Approval: **Preliminary minutes mailed to PSPRS on February 22, 2021.**



Board Chairman Todd House

Sherry Mueller