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Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Pension Board Meeting Minutes

September 7, 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 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 4:00 P.M.

- A. Director Jim Geil sat in for Chairman Todd House and called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Geil
- C. Roll Call showed Local Board Chairman Todd House was not present. Board Member Jim Geil, Board Member James Crowley, Board Member Zachary Leon and Board Member Ron Olm were present. Also present were Board Secretary Sherry Mueller and Legal Counsel Cynthia Kelley, Esq. attended.

1. Review and possible approval of the August 3, 2021 Local Pension Board meeting minutes and the August 3, 2021 Executive Session Minutes.

Motion by Local Board Member Leon to approve the August 3, 2021 Local Pension Board minutes and the August 3, 2021 Executive Session Minutes.

Seconded by Local Board Member Crowley.

Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

2. Call to Public.

None.

3. Discussion and possible approval of Andrew Kuhn’s termination of his participation in the DROP program and apply for normal retirement on 9/30/2021.

Captain Andrew Kuhn entered the DROP program on 9/1/2016 when he agreed to terminate his employment with SFMD on or before 9/30/2021. He has provided notice to SFMD of his retirement effective September 30th, 2021.

Motion by Director Olm to approve Andrew Kuhn's termination of his participation in the DROP program and approve his application for normal retirement on 9/30/2021.

Seconded by Local Board Member Crowley.
Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

4. Discussion and possible approval of three new hires retirement membership into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Participation in the PSPRS requires that the Local Board approve new membership and note if there are any pre-existing medical conditions as employees are hired. Currently, HR staff reviews the medical reports and advises the Local Board of any pre-existing conditions. Human Resources confirmed that none of the three has any pre-existing conditions.

Motion by Director Crowley to approve Firefighters Michael Gallagher, Zachary Rodenburg and David Spidle with a start date of October 8, 2021, all with no pre-existing conditions, into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System

Seconded by Local Board Member Olm.
Vote 4 Ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

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 5(a) and 5(b). The Board will take action on this item in open session.

a. Consideration, Discussion and possible action and/or approval regarding the Application for a Medical Disability Retirement from PSPRS for Robert R. Vande Krol.

b. Consideration, Discussion and possible action and/or approval regarding the Application for a Medical Disability Retirement from PSPRS for Randall S. Vande Krol.

Employees Robert Vande Krol and Randall Vande Krol have applied for a Medical Disability Retirement from PSPRS.

Motion by Local Board Member Leon to go in to Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) at 4:06 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) and 5(b): Consideration, Discussion and possible action and/or approval regarding the Application for a Medical Disability Retirement from PSPRS for Robert R. Vande Krol and Randall S. Vande Krol."

Seconded by Board Member Olm
Vote 4 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

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6. **Return to Public Session at 4:23 p.m. Discussion and possible direction regarding the application for a Medical Disability Retirement from PSPRS for Robert R. Vande Krol.**

Motion Local Board Member Crowley to table the discussion regarding Robert R. Vande Krol's application for disability retirement held in the executive session until the October 5, 2021 Local Pension Board Meeting.

Seconded by Board Member Olm
Vote 4 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

7. **Discussion and possible direction regarding the application for a Medical Disability Retirement from PSPRS for Randall S. Vande Krol.**

Motion Local Board Member Leon to table the discussion regarding Randall S. Vande Krol's application for disability retirement held in the executive session until the October 5, 2021 Local Pension Board Meeting.

Seconded by Board Member Crowley
Vote 4 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed.**

8. **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 dates have already been approved for the next Local Board Meetings to accommodate any unknown Exit / Enter DROP participants and/or other types of retirements.

- **Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, December 7th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.**
- **Tuesday, January 4th, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.**

No Motion

9. **Announcements.**

None.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Board Member Leon to adjourn the meeting at p.m.

Seconded by Board Member Crowley
Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays. **Motion passed.**

Board Approval:

Preliminary minutes emailed to PSPRS on September 8, 2021.



Board Chairman Todd House

Sherry Mueller

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