



## *Superstition Fire & Medical District*

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

August 29, 2023

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 29, 2023. 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 Jason Moeller called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Jim Geil
- C. Roll Call showed Pension Board Chairman Jason Moeller, Board Director Jim Geil and Board Director Ron Olm were present. Board Director Zachary Leon, Board Director James Crowley and Sara Simonton with James Vincent Group attended via conference phone. Also present was Secretary Sherry Mueller Director of Administrative Services Anna Butel.

**1. Review and possible approval of the June 13, 2023 Local Pension Board meeting minutes.**

**Motion** by Director Geil to approve the June 13, 2023 Local Pension Board minutes.

**Seconded** by Director Leon.

**Vote** 5 ayes, 0 nays. **Motion passed.**

**2. Call to Public**

None.

**3. Discussion and possible approval of the induction of six new Superstition Fire & Medical District Firefighters into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).**

Participation in the PSPRS requires that the Local Pension 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.

**Motion** by Director Geil to approve the induction of six new SFMD Firefighters: Jaren Johnson with an effective date of July 17, 2023, Matthew Hansen with an effective date of July 31, 2023, and Brock Doolen, Christian Gomez, Ryan Markham and Bradley Steinepreis with an effective date of August 14, 2023 into PSPRS. Firefighters Johnson, Hansen, Doolen, Gomez, Markham and Steinepreis will be inducted with pre-existing medical conditions, if any, as noted on the listing that is included with the Board Packet.

**Seconded** by Director Olm

**Vote** 5 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed**

4. Discussion and possible approval of future legal representation to retain Cynthia K. Kelley, Esq. of Kelley Law Group (in association with the Kraw Law Group), as the Local Pension Board attorney.

The Local Pension Board voted to secure the outside counsel of Cynthia K. Kelley of Ryan Rapp Pacheco & Kelley, for the matters of Medical Disability Retirements and other Pension Board matters back in January 2021.

Cynthia K. Kelley, Esq. sent a letter to the Local Pension Board letting them know she is opening a new law firm in Arizona, the Kelley Law Group (associating with the Kraw Law Group) effective October 1, 2023. The Local Pension Board Members voted to continue with Cynthia K. Kelley, Esq. of Kelley Law Group (in association with the Kraw Law Group), as the Local Pension Board attorney effective October 1, 2023.

**Motion** by Director Geil to approve Cynthia K. Kelley, Esq. of Kelley Law Group (in association with the Kraw Law Group) as the Superstition Fire & Medical District Pension Board attorney effective October 1, 2023.

**Seconded** by Director Olm

**Vote** 5 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed**

5. Discussion and possible action to review the date(s) /time(s) 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) are recommended for the next Local Board Meeting:**

- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 OR
- Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**Motion** by Director Olm to approve **Tuesday, January 23, 2024** as the date of the next scheduled Local Pension Board Meeting.

**Seconded** by Director Leon

**Vote** 5 ayes, 0 Nays. **Motion passed**

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6. **Announcements.**

Pension Board Secretary Sherry Mueller announced that Sara Simonton, with James Vincent Group was joining us via conference phone. She and her partner, Ben Archer, represent James Vincent Group who is taking over the Finance responsibilities for SFMD.

7. **Adjourn.**

**Motion** by Director Olm to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m.

**Seconded** by Director Geil

**Vote** 5 ayes, 0 nays. **Motion passed.**

**Board Approval:**

**Preliminary minutes emailed to PSPRS on August 30, 2023**



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*Jason Moeller*  
*Pension Board Chairman*