

**ARIZONA FIRE & MEDICAL AUTHORITY
LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM
BOARD MEETING**

Monday, January 3, 2023

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS / AFFIRMATION OF QUORUM

Board Chairman Gueltzow called the meeting to order on Monday, January 3, 2023, at 09:00 a.m. at the Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Administrative Office, 18818 N. Spanish Garden Drive, Sun City West, Arizona. The meeting was held in person and telephonically.

Members Present: Board Chairman Karen Gueltzow, Board Members, Sharon Hettick, Diane Price and Shawn Holcomb and Jared Randall (via teleconference).

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Human Resources Director Shauna Fisher, Human Resources Specialist Yvonne Lopez.

Legal Counsel: Nicolas J. Cornelius, Esq. (via teleconference).

Guests: Andrew Craker, (via teleconference).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approve Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board Public Session Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2022.

Board Member Price moved that the Local Board approve the minutes of the Pension Board Meeting of October 24, 2022. Board Member Hettick seconded the motion.

No further discussion. Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Gueltzow, Hettick, Holcomb, Price, Randall,

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

- B.** Approve Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board Public Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2022.

Board Member Price moved that the Local Board approve the Executive Session minutes of the Pension Board Meeting of October 24, 2022. Board Member Hettick seconded the

motion.

No further discussion. Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Gueltzow, Hettick, Holcomb, Price, Randall,
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

4. CURRENT EVENTS SUMMARIES AND REPORTS

- A. Secretary updates – reports any updates, actions, confirmations, or correspondences in which the board should be aware.

The Board Secretary stated for the record, notification of meeting was given within the required time to Andrew Craker via email, First Class Mail, and certified mail.

The Board Secretary also stated that the request to enter the Drop from Keith Derr, John Casey, John Teixeira, Chief Biscoe requested to exit the Drop.

5. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1) pursuant to the PSPRS Decision letter results and Accidental Disability Application submitted by Andrew Craker.

The Board Secretary stated for the record that a letter was received from PSPRS System regarding a decision made on the matter of Andrew Craker’s Accidental/Temporary disability letter on December 7, 2022.

Attorney Nicolas Cornelius advised the Board that it would be best to enter into executive session to address the concerns of PSPRS and determine the status and rehearing and resolving these issues.

6. POSSIBLE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

- B. Discussion and legal advice regarding personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1); for review of records exempt from public inspection pursuant to the PSPRS Decision letter results; and Accidental Disability Application submitted by Andrew Craker.

Board Member Hettick moved that the Local Board move into executive session to review personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1); for review of records exempt from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2); and for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) re: Accidental Disability Application submitted by Andrew Craker pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-844 (E). Board Member Randall seconded the motion.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Gueltzow, Hettick, Holcomb, Price, Randall
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

The Local Board convened in Executive Session at 09:10 a.m.

Andrew Craker exited the Executive Session Meeting at 9:13 a.m.

Andrew Craker entered the Executive Session Meeting at 10:02 a.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:07 a.m., with all members present.

7. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION

- A. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Accidental Disability Retirement Application submitted by Andrew Craker; Independent Medical Examination regarding same; possible decision on the Craker application for accidental disability; possible approval of Board Resolution related to same or instructions to legal counsel and/or staff related to same.

After careful consideration and legal advice, the board has been discussing the process and wants to time review the new documents Mr. Craker provided along with the decision letter from PSPRS. They would also like to follow up with the medical examiner Dr. Parker, who conducted the IME. No decision is being made at this time. The board asked Mr. Craker if he did have any additional items, he wants them to consider submitting them as soon as possible.

Board Member Price moved that the Local Board review the appropriate paper, develop questions, and direct them to staff to seek additional information as necessary from Dr. Rampersand or Dr. Parker and legal advice.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AYES: Gueltzow, Hettick, Holcomb, Price, Randall
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

8. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE PSPRS LOCAL BOARD MEETING AGENDAS

- A. Discussion and annual review of previously accepted disability pension list with medical status from providers.
- B. Overview of AFMA’s resiliency program.
- C. Buckeye Valley Fire District JPA Updates

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Yvonne Lopez

Yvonne Lopez, Secretary

Approved