

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

**Monday, August 15, 2022**

**MINUTES**

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

Board Chairman Gueltzow called the meeting to order on Monday, June 27, 2022, 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 Member Diane Price, Board Member Sharon Hettick (in person), Board Members 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.

Guests: Captain Richard Mixer, (via teleconference).

**2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve Arizona Fire & Medical Authority Public Session Meeting Minutes of the Board Meeting of June 27, 2022.**

**Board Member Price moved that the Local Board approve the minutes of the Pension Board Meeting of June 27, 2022. Board Member Hettick seconded the motion.**

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

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

**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, the pre-employment physical that was presented at June 27, 2022 is no longer dispute and Alexander Hobik does not wish to appeal the decision and there was a misunderstand on his and the HeartFits part.

- B. Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) extension update and recommendation from administration.

Senate Bill 1268 makes conditional service extensions to Tier 1 Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). This service extension from 5 years to 7 years allows for personnel currently in the DROP to seek employer approval to extend beyond the traditional 5 year. Given the unfunded expenses early in this fiscal year, the Authority Administration is recommending that the Governing Board opt out of the extension and not approve this unbudgeted and voluntary shortfall. This recommendation will include the option to revisit the DROP extension during the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget process as part of the labor/management negotiations.

Discussion ensued between Board Members and HR Director Shauna Fisher. No vote needed. **Informational only.**

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Enter into record and approve the updated PSPRS membership list as of August 1, 2022.

**Board Member Price moved that the local Board enter into record and approve the updated PSPRS membership list as of August 1, 2022, to the PSPRS Local Fire Board Member Hettick seconded the motion.**

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

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

- B. Discussion and possible approval of formal retirement and early exit from the DROP for Chad Dilts’ effective October 28, 2022.

**Board Member Holcomb moved that the local Board approve the formal retirement and early exit from the DROP for Chad Dilts’ effective October 28, 2022. Board Member Randall seconded the motion.**

HR Director stated that member Chad Dilts has submitted his intent to exit the DROP early. The authority has accepted his intent to retire effective October 28, 2022.

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**6. POSSIBLE VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Possible vote to go into executive session for 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 moved that the local Board to 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 Price seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

*The Board adjourned to convene into Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.*

*Regular Meeting reconvened at 10:10 a.m.*

**7. RECONVENE INTO PUBLIC SESSION**

- A. Review of accidental disability application submitted by Andrew Craker, Possible independent medical examination.

**Board Member Price moved that the local Board to request for an Independent Medical Examination and the board deem there is sufficient medical evidence presented and orders Independent Medical examination to be conducted; Board Member Hettick seconded the motion.**

Vote conducted. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**8. THE NEXT REGULAR BOAD MEETING**

Will be scheduled as required by Arizona Revised Statutes or earlier, as needed.

**9. SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR FUTURE PSPRSLOCAL BOARD MEETING AGENDAS**

- A. Discussion and annual review of previously accepted disability pension list.
- B. Overview of AFMA’s resiliency program.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

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Yvonne Lopez, Secretary

Approved