

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Fire Personnel Retirement Board

Regular Meeting

February 7, 2024 | 8:45 a.m.
Council Chambers Conference Room
88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Turner at 8:47 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Attendance

Chairperson Steven Turner
Fire Member Elect Scott Jensen
Fire Member Elect Carlos Vargas
Citizen Member Bill Crawford
Citizen Member Valerie Remington

Staff Attendance

Chris Jarosik, Medical Leave Coordinator
Nichole Bombard, Medical Leave Coordinator
Rae Lynn Nielsen, HR Director

Others Present

Andrew Apodaca, Board Attorney

Absent

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

Consent Agenda and Discussion

- October 4, 2024, Minutes**
Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to approve the Consent Agenda of the February 7, 2024, Regular Public Safety Fire Personnel Retirement Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Fire Member Elect Vargas.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Executive Session – Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.02 (A), the Chandler Local Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board may vote to convene in executive session 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 its position on item 3. The Board will take action on those items in open session.

Action Agenda Item No. 2 and Discussion

2. **New Membership for Bradley, Cox, Crain, Davis, Deboise, Gilbert, and Pratt.**

Consideration, Discussion and Appropriate Action for New Membership for Cole Bradley, Cooper Cox, Sterling Crain, Harley Davis, Terique Deboise, Evan Gilbert, and Garrett Pratt.

Action Agenda Item No. 2 Motion and Vote

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to find that Cole Bradley, Cooper Cox, Sterling Crain, Harley Davis, Terique Deboise, Evan Gilbert, and Garrett Pratt met the applicable PSPRS membership definitions for service with the City of Chandler Fire Department with a hire date of January 2, 2024, and an effective Tier 3 service date of April 1, 2024. Motion was seconded by Fire Member Elect Vargas.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Executive Session – Chairperson Turner asked for a motion to end the Open Session and to move into Executive Session for legal advice. Citizen Member Crawford made a motion to end the Open Session and to move into Executive Session for legal advice in matter Action Agenda Item No. 3. Fire Member Elect Vargas seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to end the Open Session and move into Executive Session at 8:49 a.m.

Open Session – Chairperson Turner asked for a motion to end the Executive Session and move into Open Session. Citizen Member Crawford made the motion to end the Executive Session and to move into Open Session; Fire Member Elect Vargas seconded the motion,

and the vote was unanimous to end the Executive Session and move into Open Session at 8:56 a.m.

Action Agenda Item No. 3 and Discussion

3. **Review Pre-Existing Medical Condition(s) for Bradley, Cox, Crain, Davis, Debois, Gilbert and Pratt.**

Consideration, Discussion and Appropriate Action for Pre-Existing Medical Condition(s) review for Cole Bradley, Cooper Cox, Sterling Crain, Harley Davis, Terique Deboise, Evan Gilbert, and Garrett Pratt.

Action Agenda Item No. 3 Motion and Vote

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to declare no pre-existing condition(s) as listed on the pre-existing condition(s) memo for Cole Bradley, Cooper Cox, Harley Davis, Terique Deboise, and Garrett Pratt. Motion was seconded by Fire Member Elect Vargas.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to declare one pre-existing condition(s) as listed on the pre-existing condition(s) memo for Sterling Crain. Motion was seconded by Fire Member Elect Vargas.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to declare one pre-existing condition(s) as listed on the pre-existing condition(s) memo for Evan Gilbert. Motion was seconded by Fire Member Elect Vargas.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Action Agenda Item No. 4 and Discussion

4. **Membership Termination for Johnston**

Consideration, Discussion, and Appropriate Action regarding the voluntary resignation and termination of PSPRS membership for Blake Johnston (Firefighter) effective November 2, 2023.

Action Agenda Item No. 4 Motion and Vote

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to terminate the PSPRS membership for Blake Johnston (Firefighter) effective November 2, 2023, the date of his voluntary resignation. Fire Member Elect Vargas seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously (5-0)

Discussion

5. PSPRS Annual Conference

The annual PSPRS 2024 Employer & Local Board Conference will be held Wednesday, March 6, 2024. To accommodate staff attendance at the conference the March meeting date has been changed to March 4, 2024.

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

6. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 8:45 a.m., At City Hall, Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St., Chandler AZ

Informational Items

5. **Board Reports**

- a. Fire Board DROP Report
- b. Fire Board Billing Report
- c. PSPRS Fire Board Action Reports
 - Normal Retirements
 - DROP
 - Disability Retirements
 - Military Leave
 - Service Purchase

6. **Member Updates**

- Brandt Lange, Retirement, March 7, 2023
- David Vargo, Retirement, March 25, 2023
- Thomas Harley, Retirement, March 29, 2023
- Ryan Pershing, Enter DROP, May 1, 2023
- Paul Waz, Retirement, June 3, 2023
- Ralph Barr, Retirement, June 7, 2023
- Andre Langley, Retirement, June 28, 2023
- Richard Fitschen, Retirement, June 19, 2023
- Randall Mandt, Retirement, June 27, 2023
- Robert Isaacson, Retirement, July 7, 2023
- George Pastore, Enter DROP, July 29, 2023
- Andrew Houser, Enter DROP, July 29, 2023
- Jonathan Payne, Enter DROP, August 1, 2023

- Mario Maldonado, Enter DROP, September 23, 2023

Adjourn

Fire Member Elect Jensen moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Fire Member Elect Vargas. Motion carried unanimously (5-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Chris Jarosik, Secretary

Steven Turner, Chairperson