

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Police Personnel Retirement Board

Regular Meeting

May 6, 2026 | 9:00 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 9:09 a.m.

Roll Call

Board Attendance

Chairperson Steven Turner
Citizen Member Bill Crawford
Citizen Member Valerie Remington
Police Member Elect Ariel Werther
Police Member Elect Mitchell Janda

Staff Attendance

Nichole Bombard, Medical Leave Coord.
Destinee Martinez Peru, Medical Leave Coord.

Others Present

Andrew Apodaca, Board Attorney

Absent

Scheduled and Unscheduled Public Appearances

Consent Agenda and Discussion

1. **Regular Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

Consent Agenda Motion and Vote

Police Member Elect Werther moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Chandler Local Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board Regular Meeting on April 1, 2026; Police Member Elect Janda.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

***Executive Session** - Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03 (A), the Chandler Local Police 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 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 the following items. The Board will take action on those items in open session.*

Action Agenda Item No. 2 and Discussion

2. Hiring PSPRS Retiree

Consideration, Discussion, and appropriate action for hiring PSPRS retiree, Rhonda Aquipel.

Action Agenda Item No. 2 Motion and Vote

Police Member Elect Werther moved the hiring of Rhonda Aquipel, a retired City of Scottsdale Police Officer, as a Civilian Background Investigator. The position is not a Public Safety eligible position; therefore, the City of Chandler is not responsible for paying the PSPRS alternate contribution rate. Seconded by Police Member Elect Janda.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

Action Agenda Item No. 3 and Discussion

3. Hiring PSPRS Retiree

Consideration, Discussion, and appropriate Action for hiring PSPRS retiree, Shayne Tuchfarber.

Action Agenda Item No. 3 Motion and Vote

Police Member Elect Werther moved to approve the hiring of Shayne Tuchfarber, a retired City of Phoenix Police Officer, as a Community Engagement Specialist. The position is not a Public Safety eligible position; therefore, the City of Chandler is not responsible for paying the PSPRS alternate contribution rate. Seconded by Police Member Elect Janda.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

Action Agenda Item No. 4 and Discussion

4. **Membership Termination Kararia**

Consideration, Discussion, and appropriate Action regarding the termination of PSPRS membership for Anand Kararia.

Action Agenda Item No. 4 Motion and Vote

Police Member Elect Werther moved to terminate the PSPRS membership for Anand Kararia, Police Officer, effective April 7, 2026, the date of his voluntary resignation; Seconded by Police Member Elect Janda.

Motion carried unanimously (4-0)

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

5. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at City Hall, Council Chambers Conference Room, 88 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ at 9:00 a.m.

Informational Items

6. **Board Reports**

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

7. **Member Updates**

- Craig Pettit, Police Sergeant, Exit DROP April 15, 2026
- Shawn Fitch, Police Officer, Exit DROP May 27, 2026
- Randle Meeker, Police Sergeant, Exit DROP June 24, 2026

Adjourn

Chairperson Turner moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Police Member Elect Werther. The motion carried unanimously (4-0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Nichole Bombard, Secretary

Steve Turner, Chairperson