

Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board

Goodyear City Hall - La Jolla Vista Conference Room (2nd floor)
1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Thursday, June 27, 2024

Immediately following the
Police PSPRB
that immediately followed
the Joint PSPRB
that began at 8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kaino called the Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting to order at 8:24 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Laura Kaino; Boardmember Michael Gugel; Boardmember Patrick Doyle; Boardmember Jay Mathias; Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Staff Present: Board Attorney Lesli Sorensen; Board Secretary Darcie McCracken; Human Resources Director Lyman Locket; Total Compensation & HRIS Manager Chi Herrington

Attendees: Kathryn Baillie, Attorney for Applicant; Pamela Griffin, Court Reporter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. Review, consideration and possible action to select a Vice Chair.

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Jay Mathias to SELECT Boardmember Jay Mathias to serve as Vice Chair. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Boardmember Michael Gugel, Boardmember Patrick Doyle, Boardmember Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve the April 25, 2024 Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board Meeting draft minutes.

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Jay Mathias to APPROVE the April 25, 2024 draft minutes of the Police Public Safety Retirement Board meeting. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Boardmember Michael Gugel, Boardmember Patrick Doyle, Boardmember Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

3. Presentation, Discussion, and Appropriate Action on Whether to Permit Kenneth Heng to Convert his Accidental Disability Application to an Ordinary Disability Application.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:30 a.m.

Chair Kano reconvened the Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Board Attorney Sorensen reviewed the options available to the Board which included the following:

1. Deny the Motion to Convert
2. Approve the Motion to Convert and approve the ordinary disability pending receipt of additional information from Dr. Farber.
3. Approve the Motion to Convert and schedule a future meeting for the consideration of the ordinary disability requirements including additional information from Dr. Farber.
4. Approve the Motion to Convert and schedule a future meeting for consideration of the ordinary disability requirements, including additional information from Dr. Farber and whether A.R.S. §38-844(D)(2) applies.

MOTION BY Boardmember Jay Mathias, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to APPROVE the Motion to Convert and schedule a future meeting for consideration of the ordinary disability requirements, including additional information from Dr. Farber and whether A.R.S. §38-844(D)(2) applies. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Boardmember Michael Gugel, Boardmember Patrick Doyle, Boardmember Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

4. Review, discussion and possible action on the reemployment of Kenneth Heng.

Vice Chair Mathias said having reviewed the information presented, he recommended the Board find that Kenneth Heng satisfies the requirements of §38-849(E)(3)(c) because Kenneth Heng accepted a job reassignment as an accommodation in accordance with the ADA due to a disability that was directly related to the disability for which Kenneth Heng is receiving a benefit. Further, having reviewed the job description, the alternate contribution rate is not required because the position of Administrative Assistant is NOT ordinarily filled by a contributing PSPRS member. There was consensus for the finding.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Per ARS §38-431.03, upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the Goodyear Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board may hold an executive session for any item on the agenda.

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Michael Gugel to CONVENE an Executive Session. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Boardmember Michael Gugel, Boardmember Patrick Doyle,
Boardmember Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

[See times noted above on #3.]

SEPARATIONS

5. Acknowledge the separations:

- James Parker - 5/22/2024
- Richard Napolitano - 6/30/2024
- Michael Encinas - 6/30/2024
- Adam Stoffel - 6/19/2024 (added 6/24/2024)

The Board acknowledged the separations and noted that Parker James is the correct order of names and not James Parker.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board is tentatively scheduled for July 25, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Kaino adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.
Respectfully Submitted by:

Darcie McCracken, Board Secretary

Laura Kaino, Chairman

Date:_____