

Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board

Goodyear City Hall - La Jolla Vista Conference Room (2nd floor)

1900 N. Civic Square

Goodyear, AZ 85395



Thursday, October 24, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kaino called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Board Secretary Darcie McCracken; Board Attorney Lesli Sorensen; Human
Present: Resources Director Lyman Locket; Benefits Analyst Chanda Washington; Human
Resources Business Partner Shealyn Becker; Benefits Analyst Maria Carrillo

Attendees: Kathryn Baillie, Applicant Attorney

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the draft minutes of the September 26, 2024 Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board Meeting.

MOTION BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to
APPROVE the September 26, 2024 Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board draft
minutes. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

2. Review, discussion and possible action on the applications and medical records for entry into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.
 - Jason Geffe
 - Michael O'Farrell

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:01 a.m. for items 2 and 3.

Chair Kaino reconvened the Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting at 8:06 a.m.

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Vice Chair Jay Mathias to ACCEPT the applications into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System with pre-existing conditions. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

3. Review, discussion and possible action on the applications with additional medical records received.
 - Jonathan Castaneda
 - Trevor Colter
 - Carter Smith

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Vice Chair Jay Mathias to ACCEPT the applications into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System with pre-existing conditions. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

4. Review, consideration and possible action on the application and medical records for Disability - Kenneth Heng. (last heard on June 27, 2024)

Kathryn Baillie, Attorney for the Applicant, provided a timeline and argument for the Heng matter.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 8:17 a.m.

Chair Kaino reconvened the Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting at 8:33 a.m.

MOTION BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to ACCEPT the request to convert the application for accidental disability to ordinary disability. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

Chair Kaino asked Lesli Sorensen, attorney for the Board to review the next steps.

Ms. Sorensen explained the Board would need a revised application to indicate ordinary instead of accidental and the Board would request an update from Dr. Farber.

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.

[See times noted above.]

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Vice Chair Jay Mathias to CONVENE an Executive Session. [Items 2 and 3] The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, **SECONDED BY** Vice Chair Jay Mathias to CONVENE an Executive Session. [Item 4] The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

SEPARATIONS

There are no separations to report.

Boardmember Doyle noted that a member was separating and Chair Kaino responded that it would be on the next agenda for Board acknowledgement.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board is tentatively scheduled for December 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Kaino adjourned the meeting at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Darcie McCracken, Board Secretary

Laura Kaino, Chairman

Date:_____