

Police 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

**Immediately Following the
Fire PSPRB that began
at 8:00 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kaino called the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Laura Kaino; Vice Chair Jay Mathias; Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Absent: Boardmember Jason Costello; Boardmember Jason Bayer

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

MOTION BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to
EXCUSE Boardmembers Jason Costello and Jason Bayer. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Vice Chair Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the September 26, 2024 Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board draft minutes.

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

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Vice Chair Jay Mathias, 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.
 - Andre Cardamone
 - Michael Fitchette
 - Timothy Fuerst
 - James Long
 - Nelson Mendoza
 - Michael Redman

The Board moved into Executive Session at 8:40 a.m.

Chair Kaino reconvened the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting at 8:45 a.m.

MOTION BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias, **SECONDED BY** Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to CONDITIONALLY APPROVE the applications for entry into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System for Andre Cardamone, Michael Fitchette, Timothy Fuerst, James Long and Michael Redman with pre-existing conditions, and Nelson Mendoza with no pre-existing conditions; pending additional records. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Vice Chair Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff
Passed - Unanimously

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the providers for the pre-hire medical and psychological examinations for police officers.

Human Resources Director Lyman Locket explained the history of the pre-existing conditions forms used for medical and psychological pre-hire examinations.

Deputy Chief Mercy explained that the prior contracted providers were busy and unable to process new hires timely, so the Police Department entered into a contract with other providers and the other providers refused to complete the psychological pre-existing conditions form.

Board Attorney Lesli Sorensen explained the statutory and state Public Safety Personnel Retirement System rules that required the board to review the medical and psychological records to document any pre-existing conditions prior to entry into the system.

After additional discussion, it was determined that Mr. Locket and Deputy Chief Mercy would look into options to provide the information to the board and provide the information prior to the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

AYE: Chair Laura Kaino, Vice Chair Jay Mathias, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff
Passed - Unanimously

[See times noted above.]

SEPARATIONS

4. Acknowledge the separations:
 - Micah McElrath 10/27/2024

The Board acknowledged the separation.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Goodyear Police 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 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Darcie McCracken, Board Secretary

Laura Kaino, Chairman

Date:_____