

Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board
Goodyear City Hall - La Jolla Vista Conference Room (2nd Floor)
1900 N. Civic Square
Goodyear, AZ 85395



Thursday, July 17, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Immediately following the Fire PSPRB meeting that began at 8:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Mathias called the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting to order at 8:13 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Jay Mathias; Boardmember Jason Costello; Boardmember Jason Bayer; Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Absent: Chair Laura Kaino

Staff Board Attorney Lesli Sorensen; Board Secretary Jasmine Pernicano; Human

Present: Resources Director Lyman Locket; Alternate Board Secretary Viviana Monge; Benefits Analyst Chanda Washington; Benefits Analyst Maria Carrillo

Board Attorney Sorensen participated remotely via Teams videoconference.

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, SECONDED BY Boardmember Jason Costello to EXCUSE Chair Kaino. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Vice Chair Jay Mathias, Boardmember Jason Costello, Boardmember Jason Bayer, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the draft minutes of the May 15, 2025 Police Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting.

MOTION BY Boardmember Jason Costello, SECONDED BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to APPROVE the draft minutes of the May 15, 2025 Police Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Vice Chair Jay Mathias, Boardmember Jason Costello, Boardmember Jason Bayer, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

2. Review, discussion and possible action on in-state lateral new hire forms and process.

Brian Issitt, Chief of Police, presented information regarding psychological evaluations for in-state lateral hires. He reviewed the Arizona POST Medical History Questionnaire and Medical Examination Report forms, noting that the department is able to expedite recruitment by not conducting a psychological evaluation for laterals who have already completed one and been accepted into PSPRS through a previous agency. Board Attorney Sorensen clarified that the form is not necessary, as any pre-existing conditions must pre-date entry into the retirement system, not the hire date with the City. She noted that the AZ POST forms would assist the Board if additional details on common conditions such as PTSD, anxiety, and ADHD were captured. The Board discussed having Ms. Sorensen provide Chief Issitt with information to facilitate requests for changes through AZ POST.

There was consensus to continue with not requiring psychological evaluations for in-state laterals. No action was taken.

3. Review, discussion and possible action on the applications and medical records for entry into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.
 - Miguel Garcia
 - Kyle Peters

MOTION BY Boardmember Jason Costello, SECONDED BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff to ACCEPT the application for Miguel Garcia with no pre-existing conditions and the application for Kyle Peters with pre-existing conditions for entry into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. The motion carried as follows:

AYE: Vice Chair Jay Mathias, Boardmember Jason Costello, Boardmember Jason Bayer, Boardmember Teresa Kuleff

Passed - Unanimously

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session held.

SEPARATIONS

4. Acknowledge the following separations:

- Chad Matthews - 5/8/2025
- David Mejia - 6/2/2025
- Noah Knight - Accepted by Board on May 15, 2025; did not commence employment with the city

The Board acknowledged the separations listed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items reported.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting for the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board is tentatively scheduled for August 21, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Mathias adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jasmine Pernicano, Board Secretary

Laura Kaino, Chair

Date:_____