

Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board

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

1900 N. Civic Square

Goodyear, AZ 85395



Thursday, January 15, 2026

Meeting Minutes

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kaino called the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting to order at 8:49 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Staff Board Attorney Lesli Sorensen; Board Secretary Jasmine Pernicano; Human
Present: Resources Director Lyman Locket; Benefits Analyst Chanda Washington; Benefits
Analyst Maria Carrillo

Attendees: Kristen Wunsch, Court Reporter

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. Approval of Minutes
Approve the draft minutes of the December 18, 2025 Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting.

MOTION BY Boardmember Jason Bayer, SECONDED BY Boardmember Jason Costello to APPROVE the draft minutes of the December 18, 2025 Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

2. Review, consideration, and possible action on the application and medical records for Accidental Disability — Jared Jordan (continued from November 20, 2025)

The applicant was present.

Lesli Sorensen, Board Attorney, verified that Mr. Jordan did not waive his right to confidentiality, and therefore, the Board held any further discussion in Executive Session.

The Board entered into Executive Session for Item 2 at 8:52 a.m.

Without objection, the Board reconvened the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting at 9:50 a.m.

MOTION BY Boardmember Jason Costello, SECONDED BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias to APPROVE the application for accidental disability for Jared Jordan. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

Lesli Sorensen, Board Attorney, reviewed the Accidental Disability Questionnaire with the Board.

1. Did the employee file the application after the disabling incident, or within one year of ceasing to be an employee? Yes.
2. Did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability? Yes.
3. Did employment terminate based on a disciplinary issue? No.
4. If the member's period of DROP has ended, if applicable, did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability? Not applicable.
5. Is the employee still working a position within their job classification that the Local Board considers a reasonable range of duties position? No.
6. Has the employee refused a position within their job classification that the Local Board considered a reasonable range of duties? No.
7. Did the injury or condition occur prior to the current PSPRS membership date? No.
8. Was the injury or condition the result of an event incurred during the performance of the employee's duty? Yes.

The Board acknowledged and thanked Mr. Jordan for his years of service.

3. Review, discussion and possible action on the applications and medical records for entry into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.
- Estes, Zachary - New Hire
 - Handlen, Andrew - New Hire
 - LaBounty, Faith - New Hire
 - Robles, Nicholas - New Hire (Lateral)

The Board moved into Executive Session for Item 3 at 9:53 a.m.

Without objection, the Board reconvened the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board meeting at 10:01 a.m.

MOTION BY Boardmember Jason Bayer, SECONDED BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias to ACCEPT the applications for Zachary Estes and Andrew Handlen with no pre-existing conditions; ACCEPT the application for Faith LaBounty with pre-existing conditions; and CONDITIONALLY ACCEPT Nicholas Robles with pre-existing conditions, pending clarification of medical records, for entry into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

4. Review, discussion and possible action regarding the reemployment of Public Safety Retirement System retiree, Scott Preston in a non-Public Safety Personnel Retirement System position.

MOTION BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias, SECONDED BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff after review of the information, FIND that Scott Preston satisfies the requirements of A.R.S. § 38-849(E)(3)(c) because Scott Preston 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 he is receiving a benefit. Further, having reviewed the job description, the alternate contribution rate is not required because the position Scott Preston is in is not ordinarily filled by a contributing PSPRS member. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

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.

[See times noted above.]

MOTION BY Boardmember Teresa Kuleff, SECONDED BY Vice Chair Jay Mathias to CONVENE an Executive Session for Item 2. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

MOTION BY Boardmember Jason Bayer, SECONDED BY Boardmember Jason Costello to CONVENE an Executive Session for Item 3. The motion carried as follows:

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

Passed - Unanimously

SEPARATIONS

There were no separations.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Board requested a future meeting regarding finger injuries evaluated by Medicine for Business and Industry (MBI).

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting for the Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement Board is tentatively scheduled for February 19, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Kaino adjourned the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jasmine Pernicano, Board Secretary

Laura Kaino, Chair

Date: _____