

Minutes

Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

September 7, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board meeting hosted virtually via Cisco WebEx and in person at the Human Resources Conference Room located at 20 E. 6th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 on Thursday September 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Andy Arredondo
Keith Burke
Rob Ferraro
Johnny Tse

Board Members Present (in person):

Michael Bloomer

Board Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Kathleen Broman, HR Manager
Matt Quick, HR Specialist
Rebecca Strisko, HR Director

City Staff Present (in person):

Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II
Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist

Legal Counsel Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Johnny Tse to approve the August 3, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Executive Session Meeting Minutes; second Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary

Motion by Rob Ferraro to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's Legal Counsel and to discuss records confidential by law; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:09 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:15 p.m.

3. Status Update on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Anthony Miller

Board Secretary Rebecca Strisko said that at the July 6, 2023 meeting, the Board approved moving Anthony Miller forward to an Independent Medical Examination. There are two parts to the examination, the first part was scheduled for August 10, 2023 and the second part is scheduled for today, September 7, 2023. Staff will submit the reports for consideration by the Board once they have been received.

4. Status Update on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Matthew Feddeler

Ms. Strisko said that at the March 2, 2023 meeting a motion was made by Alex Moreno to table the application for no more than 12 months so the applicant can obtain treatment as recommended by the Board's Medical Board. Mr. Feddeler or his attorney, shall provide updated treatment records and other relevant information by September 7, 2023 and December 7, 2023 so that the matter may be considered at a future meeting. Staff reached out to Mr. Feddeler's attorney, Dale Norris regarding a status update. He indicated that the applicant would provide updated records. As of the August 25 deadline no records were received. Chair Burke opened the item for discussion.

Boardmember Arredondo asked what happens to the application, now. Ms. Sorensen said that the Board will continue to wait for records. Ms. Sorensen will follow up with Mr. Norris on when the Board can expect to receive additional records. Boardmember Ferraro asked what date the Board needed to be aware of, in terms of an actual deadline. Ms. Sorensen said that the Board made a motion at the March 2, 2023 meeting to table the application for 12 months which places the deadline at the March 2024 board meeting. The September check in date was about halfway through and the December check in would allow the Board to receive and review records to determine whether the materials be submitted to the Medical Board for further review. There was no further discussion.

5. Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits (continued from April 7, 2022, October 6, 2022, March 2, 2023, May 4, 2023 and July 6, 2023) for Jeffrey Corder

Ms. Sorensen said that following the August board meeting, during which the Board approved the application, PSPRS asked the Board to clarify the record with respect to the conflicts in the medical evidence noted by the IME doctor. Boardmember Ferraro said that the Board reviewed the noted conflicts in the medical evidence in Executive Session and the Board found them immaterial to their decision. Motion by Rob Ferraro to reaffirm the Board's decision to approve the application for accidental disability benefits for Jeffrey Corder; Second by Andy Arredondo. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

6. New Members

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the new member applications of **Gabriel Davis (pre-existing condition), Oscar Galindo, Natasa Pavlina, and David Segura (pre-existing condition)**. Second by Andy Arredondo.

Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

7. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2023.

8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Burke noted the future agenda item regarding board policies on accidental disability benefits related to PTSD will be added to a joint meeting agenda as the Boardmembers from the Fire PSPRS Board will participate in the discussion. Ms. Sorensen asked Boardmembers if having two different medical providers present would be beneficial. Boardmember Arredondo said that having more knowledge to make informed decisions is best. Ms. Sorensen said that she would like to have this as an on-going item over the course of a several months. She is working on developing a comprehensive plan that may include someone from the VA, as well. Boardmember Ferraro said that due to the increasing number of applications, he would prefer that the presentations and development of policies not extend six months or more. Ms. Sorensen is going to begin the scheduling process and encouraged Boardmembers to prepare questions. There was no further discussion and no future agenda items.

9. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Rob Ferraro; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Kathleen Broman

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Kathleen Broman, Local Board Secretary