

Minutes Tempe Merit System Board March 8, 2024

Minutes of the Tempe Merit System Board Meeting hosted virtually via Cisco WebEx on Friday, March 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Boardmembers Present:

Jim Foley
Lori Messer
Bill Munch
Wendy Tobin

Board Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Rebecca Strisko, Human Resources Director
De Ana Hand, HR Tech I
Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II

Acting Chair Munch called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Lori Messer to approve the November 13, 2023 Merit System Board Meeting Minutes; Second by Bill Munch. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Acting Chair Munch, Boardmembers Foley, Messer and Tobin

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session

No Executive Session was held.

3. Discussion of Board Chair Responsibilities and Selection of Board Chair

Acting Chair Munch said that Johnny Tse resigned his position on the Board effective February 26, 2024, which leaves the Board Chair position vacant. Any Boardmember, whether they are an alternate or regular member is eligible for the Chair position. If an alternate member is selected as Chair, they are now considered a regular Boardmember. The primary purpose of the Merit System Board Chair is to oversee meetings and conduct hearings. In addition, the Chair is required to serve on the Public Safety Retirement System (PSPRS) Boards. Mr. Munch asked Board Secretary Rebecca Strisko to provide an overview of the PSPRS boards. Ms. Strisko said that the PSPRS Board governs the Public Safety Retirement System and meets monthly. The length of the meeting varies depending on the business before the Board. Agenda items could be accepting new members or deciding on applications for disability benefits. There was no further discussion on the role of PSPRS.

Mr. Munch said he is willing to serve as Chair. Mr. Foley said that he is happy to have Boardmember Munch serve as Chair. Mr. Munch made a motion to nominate Lori Messer as Chair; there was not a second. Motion failed to pass. Ms. Messer declined the nomination due to prior commitments.

Motion by Lori Messer to approve Bill Munch as Chair of the Merit System Board; Second by Bill Munch. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Acting Chair Munch, Boardmembers Foley, Messer and Tobin

Nays: None

Absent: None

4. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items discussed.

5. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion by Lori Messer to adjourn the meeting; second by Bill Munch. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Acting Chair Munch, Boardmembers Foley, Messer and Tobin

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Rebecca Strisko, Local Board Secretary