

Minutes

Tempe Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards

April 4, 2024

Minutes of the Tempe Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards joint 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 April 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via WebEx):

Michael Bloomer
Don Jongewaard
Mike Scheidt

Board Members Present (in person):

Keith Burke
Rob Ferraro
Bill Munch

Board Members Absent:

Andy Arredondo

City Staff Present (via WebEx):

Nichole Gonzalez, Workers Comp. Specialist
Matt Quick, HR Specialist

City Staff Present (in person):

Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist
Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II

Legal Counsel Present (in person):

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the January 4, 2024 Joint Fire & Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes;
Second by Don Jongewaard. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Jongewaard and Scheidt

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

Abstain: Boardmember Munch

2. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary

No Executive Session was held.

3. Board Appointment

Chair Burke said that Bill Munch was elected as Chair of the Merit System Board and appointed by the Mayor at the March 21, 2024 Council meeting. He will serve on both the Fire & Police PSPRS Boards. Boardmember Munch said that he has served on the Merit System Board for 10 years and previously served on the PSPRS Boards in 2016 and 2018.

4. Local Board Policies for Accidental Disability Benefit Applications

Board Legal Counsel Lesli Sorensen said a document tentatively titled *Guidelines for Disability Applicants* based on the discussion with Dr. Kirkorsky was included in the board packet. It is intended to be an informational handout for applicants. It is up to the Boards to determine if any corrections or edits are needed as well as how to proceed. The item was opened for discussion.

Boardmember Ferraro asked for additional time to review prior to the Board making a recommendation. Mr. Ferraro asked if this would be provided as a part of the packet. Ms. Sorensen said that there isn't a requirement for applicants to obtain the packet from the city. The document is organized into sections Board Process, General Information on mental or physical disability applications, cancers, and types of disabilities under PSPRS. Mr. Ferraro asked if the Boards should approve the document and then make any necessary changes. Ms. Sorensen recommends making any changes prior to Board approval.

5. Future Agenda Items

Discuss, review, and approve Guidelines for Disability Applicants.

6. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion by Michael Bloomer to adjourn to the meeting; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 6-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Jongewaard, Munch and Scheidt

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

The meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Kathleen Broman

[Kathleen Broman \(Oct 3, 2024 15:08 PDT\)](#)

Kathleen Broman, Local Board Secretary