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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tucson Police PSPRS Board**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

## **COVID-19 UPDATE**

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement System and the Board of Trustees are committed to helping slow the spread of COVID-19. Following the recommendations from the Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people, as well as federal and state emergency declarations related to COVID-19, ***physical attendance at the meeting held in Fire Central Room 262 was limited to members of the Tucson Police and Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards and necessary staff only. Some members of the Boards and staff attended remotely, through technological means.***

**MEETING NOTE:** This meeting was conducted using measures to protect public health. It was held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law. Specifically, a conference call bridge was established so that members of the public could access the meeting via telephone.

Access to the meeting by telephone was provided through the Microsoft Teams conference call bridge, by *dialing (213) 293-2303 then entering access code 170 017 502#*

Members of the public were encouraged **NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON** but instead to access the meeting via telephone using the conference call bridge.

Public access to the meeting in Fire Central Room 262 was restricted in order to prevent a large or close gathering of the members of the public and to promote social distancing.

Again, in recognition of the current public health emergency, members of the public were encouraged **NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON** but instead to access the meeting via telephone by *dialing the Microsoft Teams conference call bridge at (213) 293-2303 then entering access code 170 017 502#*

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE MEASURES WERE IN PLACE TO LIMIT THE NEED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN A LARGE PUBLIC GATHERING, WHILE ENSURING THAT THE DISCUSSIONS, DELIBERATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE *TUCSON POLICE AND FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARDS* WERE TRANSPARENT AND CONDUCTED OPENLY.**

Mayor Romero called the Tucson Police and Tucson Fire PSPRS Board meetings to order at 9:04 a.m.

**1. ROLL CALL**

**Police Board Members:**

<b>Present:</b>	Regina Romero	Chair
	Liana Perez	Member
	Rob Brandt	Member

<b>Also Present:</b>	Nathan Weber	Fire Board Member
	Jason Adler	Fire Board Member
	David McEvoy	Board Attorney
	Michael Jesse	Board Secretary
	Susanna Horn	Local Board Office
	Tammy Webb	Local Board Office
	William Simon	Tucson Fire Department
	Robert Buller	Tucson Police
	Nathaniel Sigal	Mayor’s Office, City of Tucson

A Police Board quorum was established with Mayor Romero, Ms. Perez and Mr. Brandt attending remotely. Mr. Petersen was absent/excused.

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**2. POLICE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D****A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL –February 3, 2022****B. PENSION PAYROLL – Additions and deletions to benefits**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>LDW</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>	<u>Ben Amount</u>
Lewis, Jr., Daniel	NSR out of DROP	02/28/2022	03/01/2022	\$5,336.83
Carpenter, Randy	NSR out of DROP	02/22/2022	03/01/2022	\$5,349.46
Galvan, Jose	NSR out of DROP	02/25/2022	03/01/2022	\$5,279.95
Cox, Lonnie	Death of retiree	01/06/2022	02/01/2022	(\$4,131.63)
Hearn, Bonnie	Surviving Spouse	N/A	02/01/2022	\$3,305.30
Cota, Hector	Death of retiree	01/25/2022	02/01/2022	(\$4,369.58)
Cota, Victoria	Surviving Spouse	N/A	02/01/2022	\$3,495.66

**C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Thompson, Troy	20.082	02/25/2022	03/01/2022
Navarro, Brenda	21.270	02/25/2022	03/01/2022

**D. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
McEvoy, Daniels, Darcy	March Retainer	03/03/2022	\$ 400.00	DA-23

**Motion** by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Ms. Perez, that Police Items A-D are adopted as written. Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 3-0.

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**3. FIRE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D**

**A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – February 3, 2022**

**B. PENSION PAYROLL – Additions and deletions to benefits**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>LDW</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>	<u>Ben Amount</u>
L' Heureux Richard	NSR out of DROP	02/22/2022	03/01/2022	\$4,072.83
Hollingsworth, Sharon	NSR out of DROP	02/25/2022	03/01/2022	\$4,641.21

**C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Dean, James	20.235	02/25/2022	03/01/2022

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McEvoy, Daniels, Darcy	March Retainer	03/03/2022	\$ 400.00	DA-23

**No action taken by the Police Board on this Fire Item.**

**4. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY PENSION-Review of Board Physician Report**

**Police** - Attachments

<u>Name</u>	<u>LDW:</u>	<u>Eff Date:</u>	<u>Application Type</u>
Buller, Robert	04/29/2021	05/01/2021	Accidental

**Motion** made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Ms. Perez, that based upon the medical evidence and the report from Dr. Thrasher, Mr. Buller is eligible to receive Accidental Disability retirement benefit effective as of his separation from employment with the City of Tucson Police Department.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously (3-0).

**5. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY PENSION**

**Fire** - Attachments

<u>Name</u>	<u>LDW:</u>	<u>Eff Date:</u>	<u>Application Type</u>
Simons, William	N/A	N/A	Accidental

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**No action taken by the Police Board on this Fire Item.****6. FUND/OFFICE INFORMATION**

- 2022 Board Election Timeline – One Fire Term, One Police Term Expiring

Mr. Jesse told the Police and Fire Boards that two board terms (one Police, one Fire) were expiring on June 30, 2022. As such, the PSPRS Local Board office would need to conduct an election for those board seats. Mr. Jesse provided the timeline for holding the elections, determining the winners, and getting the newly elected members seated.

- Recently issued Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedure

Mr. Jesse provided board members a copy of the recently issued Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedure for review and commentary. He told board members that action was not being sought at this meeting. However, updated rules should probably be adopted at some point in the future. He said that the Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedure could simply be adopted as written if that is what the Police and Fire Boards decided to do after having had a chance to review and discuss them. Mr. Jesse said that a version could be developed through discussion over the next few meetings. Then, adoption could take place at the July 2022 meeting when new board members are seated. Mr. McEvoy brought up one item of note that seemed to be inconsistent. He referenced the language in the model rules addressing annual medical evaluations for disability retirees. He felt it was not aligned with the statutes and suggested the discrepancy be addressed.

- Board Legal Counsel

Mr. Jesse reminded board members that at the January board meeting it was suggested this topic remain on future meeting agendas so that the discussion would continue regarding potential board legal counsel candidates. Mayor Romero suggested getting resumes from the potential candidates for board members to review. She thought that was a good way to start. Interviews could be scheduled after the resumes were reviewed. Mr. Jesse will pursue the resumes.

- Miscellaneous / Other

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Mr. Jesse told board members he had hoped to provide them with a preliminary discussion draft of the PSPRS Local Board Office budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Unfortunately, important information he needed to complete that had not yet been made available. He felt that it was possible it would be ready for the meeting next month.

Mr. Jesse stated that the application to participate in the Fire Insurance Premium Tax Credit program again this year, which he mentioned at the previous meeting, had been approved. The funds from this program serve as an offset to the employer pension contribution obligation for Tucson Fire Department. The funding level has typically been about \$1 million each year.

Mr. Weber inquired as to when the Civil Service Commission Chair vacancy might be filled. Mayor Romero said she would be following up on it.

Mr. Weber asked if there were any points of clarification or any movement in the oversight of the Pension Bond Trust since Mr. Yates' presentation to the PSPRS Police and Fire Boards. He was concerned about the cost/benefit aspect of the funds being managed internally citing investment fees, investment returns, and debt services costs leading to underperformance as compared to sending the funds to PSPRS in full. He said not doing so also impacted employer contributions. Mayor Romero asked Ms. Perez if there were any updates as her colleagues on the City Council raised similar questions. Ms. Perez said there were no updates, but she would check with Mr. Yates. Mayor Romero said that PSPRS historical underperformance led to the City of Tucson's caution as to the timing of sending the funds to PSPRS. Mr. Weber recognized the concern and said that numerous changes had been made at PSPRS that should alleviate it. Mayor Romero noted the discussion will be ongoing and the goal for all interested parties is to make PSPRS as financially healthy as it can be and choices about the Pension Bond Trust need to be made with that in mind. Mayor Romero acknowledged the importance of the topic and recommended that Mr. Yates be invited to give quarterly updates to the Police and Fire Boards and possibly have the City Manager participate too.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Tucson Police and Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards is scheduled for **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022** in Fire Central **Room 262**, Tucson Fire Department, 300 S. Fire Central Place, Tucson, AZ.

Mayor Romero adjourned the Police Board meeting at 09:48 a.m.

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Michael J. Jesse, Board Secretary      Date      \_\_\_\_\_  
Regina Romero, Chair      Date

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