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MEETING MINUTES
Tucson Fire PSPRS Board
Thursday, July 7, 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 399 197 056#

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 399 197 056#**

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 Tucson Fire PSPRS Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Fire Board Members:

Present:	Regina Romero	Chair
	Liana Perez	Member
	Nathan Weber	Member
	Jason Adler	Member

Also Present:	Rob Brandt	Police Board Member
	Mickey Petersen	Police Board Member
	Mark Ewings	Incoming Police Board Member
	David McEvoy	Board Attorney
	Michael Jesse	Board Secretary
	Susanna Horn	Local Board Office
	Tammy Webb	Local Board Office
	Genesis Cubillas	Mayor’s Office, City of Tucson

A Fire Board quorum was established with Mayor Romero, Ms. Perez, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Adler attending remotely.

**2. PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL BOARDS
CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS**

Certified copy of the returns from the Tucson **Police** Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board mail ballot election held May 19, 2022 through June 10, 2022.

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

Certified copy of the returns from the Tucson **Fire** Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board mail ballot election held May 19, 2022 through June 10, 2022.

Motion by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Adler, to accept and certify the Fire Board election results declaring Mr. Jason Adler as the winner.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

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3. ROLL CALL

Fire Board Members:

Present: Regina Romero Chair
 Liana Perez Member
 Nathan Weber Member
 Jason Adler Member

A Fire Board quorum was established with Mayor Romero, Ms. Perez, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Adler attending remotely.

4. POLICE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D

A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL –June 02, 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>
Avalos, Bernard	NSR out of DROP	06/30/2022	07/01/2022	\$3,992.17
Bustamante, Daniel	NSR out of DROP	06/30/2022	07/01/2022	\$4,271.45
Gonzales, John	NSR out of DROP	06/30/2022	07/01/2022	\$4,313.97
Gonzales, Michael	NSR	06/16/2022	07/01/2022	TBD
Leikem, Kenneth.	NSR out of DROP	06/16/2022	07/01/2022	\$4478.62
Munoz, Mark	NSR out of DROP	06/17/2022	07/01/2022	\$4538.52
Navarro, Raul	NSR out of DROP	06/30/2022	07/01/2022	\$4446.01
Pike, Kelly	NSR out of DROP	06/16/2022	07/01/2022	\$4930.48
Fenoglio, Chris	Retiree Death	06/05/2022	7/01/2022	(\$3,486.74)

C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Atchley, Keith	20.036	06/28/2022	07/01/2022
Lee, Monica	20.036	06/28/2022	07/01/2022

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D. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
McEvoy, Daniels, Darcy	July Retainer	07/07/2022	\$ 400.00	DA-23

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

5. FIRE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D**A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – June 02, 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>
Baxter, Peter	NSR out of DROP	06/15/2022	07/01/2022	\$4,412.35
Bishop, Mike	NSR out of DROP	06/03/2022	07/01/2022	\$4,307.37
McDonough, Paul	NSR out of DROP	06/30/2022	07/01/2022	\$6,212.74
Simons, William	ADR	04/30/2022	05/01/2022	\$2,709.14
Grace, Jr., Ruben	Retiree Death	06/03/2022	07/01/2022	(\$5,324.77)
Vanover, David	Retiree Death	06/14/2022	07/01/2022	(\$5,359.38)
Schoup, Robert	Retiree Death	05/31/2022	06/01/2022	(\$4,324.63)

C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Justen, Steven	23.606	06/30/2022	07/01/2022

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Motion by Mr. Adler, seconded by Mr. Weber, that Fire Items A-D are adopted as written. Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 4-0.

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6. ANNUAL DISABILITY PHYSICAL – REQUIREMENT**Police**

<u>Name</u>	<u>DOM:</u>	<u>DOR:</u>	<u>Last Exam</u>	<u>Type</u>
Gutierrez, Chelsea	06/10/2007	02/28/2013	09/09/2019	Accidental
Hayes, Kevin	03/19/2006	06/21/2019	05/02/2019	Accidental
Marcotte, Douglas	11/23/2008	09/29/2010	09/26/2019	Accidental
May, Stephanie	01/23/2005	07/30/2020	05/02/2019	Accidental
Weygand, Jeffrey	05/08/2009	05/25/2018	06/22/2020	Accidental
Hyde, Ian	08/14/2015	02/26/2021	03/17/2021	Accidental
Matthews, Christal	07/27/2003	09/16/2021	07/29/2021	Accidental

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

7. BOARD LEGAL COUNSEL SEARCH

- Interviews Completed
- Search Committee Comments

Mr. Jesse said the search committee conducted interviews on June 20, 2022 in an effort to identify the candidate that would replace Mr. McEvoy as board legal counsel upon his retirement later this year. Mr. Jesse invited those that were on the search committee to share their thoughts on the candidates interviewed. Ms. Perez said that both firms would serve the Police and Fire boards well. However, she felt that Mr. Bosse was the best fit. It is apparent that that this type of work is a focus of his practice. He represents multiple PSPRS local boards. She was looking to see how much time candidates invested to stay current with any changes, either at the state legislature or with implementation of various PSPRS plan and rules, and she felt he hit that mark very well. He seemed to fit more of what we are used to with respect to accessibility and ease of access needed to ask questions and have conversations to help guide decisions of the Police and Fire Boards.

Mr. Weber agreed with Ms. Perez. He said with the other candidate it felt like we would be hiring a law firm with two different attorneys that offered a lot of other services and capabilities. He was concerned we would be paying for all that when it was beyond what was needed. For consistency, he said he preferred having one attorney serving the Police and Fire Boards and attending meetings versus two attorneys that were alternating

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attendance. He supports a decision to move forward with the recommendation of Mr. Bosse.

Mr. Brandt added that Mr. Bosse's firm had previously represented us the very few times we required litigation services. He also agrees with the recommendation of Mr. Bosse.

Motion made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Brandt, to move forward with awarding Mr. Steven Bosse, of Bosse Rollman PC, the role of Police and Fire Boards legal counsel.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously (6-0) in a joint vote of the Police Board and the Fire Board.

Mayor Romero thanked the search committee and Mr. McEvoy for their time conducting interviews and their feedback. She asked when Mr. Bosse would start. Mr. Jesse said that he would be invited to attend the November and December meetings to get a sense of board activities and how the meeting flows. This would prepare Mr. Bosse to take over at the January 2023 board meeting

NOTE: This award is effective upon the retirement of current Police and Fire Boards legal counsel, Mr. McEvoy, at the end of this year. Mr. Bosse would assume the role after Mr. McEvoy's final board meeting.

8. FUND/OFFICE INFORMATION

- State of Arizona - Senate Bill 1268 - DROP Extension

Mr. Jesse gave a brief background on SB 1268 which would extend the current DROP period from 60 months to 84 months. Members with 24 ½ years and age 51 would automatically be eligible and those that are currently participating in the DROP will be allowed to extend their DROP period to 84 months at the discretion of the employer. Mr. Jesse said that when he had checked the day before the meeting the governor had yet to sign the bill and if he did not veto, it would become law.

Mr. Weber said that SB 1268 had been signed into law and was effective July 6, 2022. Mr. Weber was uncertain as to who would take the lead on the employer's side to grant permission for the current DROP members to participate in the extension. Ms. Perez, in anticipation of this law passing, said that she had spoken with Mr. Rankin the City of Tucson Attorney, and he was

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