



Tucson Police and Fire PSPRS Boards  
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## MEETING MINUTES Tucson Police PSPRS Board Thursday, August 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Members of the Boards, staff, and the public were able to attend in person or remotely, through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law. *For members of the public that wanted to attend remotely, a Microsoft Teams conference call bridge was established so the meeting could be accessed via telephone.*

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Mayor Romero called the Tucson Police PSPRS Board meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### Police Board Members:

<b>Present:</b>	Regina Romero	Chair
	Paul Fimbres	Member
	Anna Rosenberry	Member
	Rob Brandt	Member
	Mark Ewings	Member

<b>Also Present:</b>	Nathan Weber	Fire Board Member
	Jason Adler	Fire Board Member
	Steven Bossé	Board Attorney
	Michael Jesse	Board Secretary
	Susanna Horn	Local Board Office
	Tammy Webb	Local Board Office
	Juan Ramirez	Mayor's Office, City of Tucson

A Police Board quorum was established with Mayor Romero, Mr. Fimbres, Ms. Rosenberry, Mr. Brandt, and Mr. Ewings attending in person.

**2. POLICE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D****A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL –July 06, 2023****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>
Chaplin, Robert	NSR	07/13/2023	08/01/2023	TBD
Szelewski, Jr., Robert	NSR	07/12/2023	08/01/2023	TBD
Bernal, Edward	Retiree Death	07/03/2023	08/01/2023	(\$3,238.11)

**C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Parker, Stephen	25.717	07/28/2023	08/01/2023
Van Norman, Jeffrey	32.000	07/28/2023	08/01/2023

**D. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
Bossé Rollman PC	August Retainer	08/03/2023	\$ 400.00	Workday
Sunnyside Medicenter, P.C.	New Evaluation	07/13/2023	\$ 1,025.00	Workday

**Motion** by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Ewings, that Police Items A-D are adopted as written. Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 5-0.

**3. FIRE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D****A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL- July 06, 2023****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>
Campbell, Joshua	NSR	07/29/2023	08/01/2023	TBD
Carlson, Keith	Retiree Death	05/01/2023	6/01/2023	(\$5,620.83)
Marcisak, Gene	Retiree Death	05/01/2023	6/01/2023	(\$4,714.36)

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**C. DROP EXTENSION APPROVALS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Extension Approval Date</u>
Murphy, Michael	11/30/2023	06/16/2023

**D. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

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Bossé Rollman PC	August Retainer	08/03/2023	\$ 400.00	Workday

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

**4. ANNUAL DISABILITY PHYSICAL – REQUIREMENT**

<u>Police</u>				
<u>Name</u>	<u>DOM:</u>	<u>DOR:</u>	<u>Last Exam</u>	<u>Type</u>
Ives, Jason	02/22/2007	09/10/2021	08/04/2021	Accidental
Brown, Stephanie	01/23/2005	07/30/2020	08/15/2022	Accidental

**Motion** made by Mr. Ewings, seconded by Mr. Brandt that Mr. Ives be referred to the board physician for his required bi-annual physical in order to remain in compliance and eligible to continue receiving disability pension benefits.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously (5-0).

**Motion** by Mr. Ewings, seconded by Mr. Brandt, that Ms. Brown remains in compliance with the bi-annual physical requirements and remains eligible to continue receiving disability pension benefits.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously (5-0).

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**5. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY PENSION (Retroactive - DROP RETIREE)**

**Review of Board Physician Report**

Police - Attachments

<u>Name</u>	<u>DROP Ret Date:</u>	<u>60-month DROP Period End Date</u>	<u>Eff Date:</u>	<u>Application Type</u>
Olivares, Albert	05/26/2022	05/31/2022	06/01/2022	Accidental

Prior to the motion being made, Mr. Ewings again reminded the Police Board that Mr. Olivares is a financial advisory client of his. He stated he would not stand to benefit from any decision regarding Mr. Olivares’ application, thus, he had no conflict of interest in the matter.

Mayor Romero wanted to know what the benefit of a disability retirement was for someone that was already retired. Mr. Bossé said that the pension benefit becomes mostly or entirely non-taxable and there could potentially be an impact on Social Security disability benefits.

Mr. Jesse told the board know that the disability effective date would apply retroactively to 180 days prior to the application date.

**Motion** made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Ewings, that based upon the medical evidence and the report from Dr. Thrasher, Mr. Olivares is eligible to receive an Accidental Disability retirement benefit retroactively effective 180 days prior to the Accidental Disability application date.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously (5-0).

**6. FUND/OFFICE INFORMATION**

- 2024 Board Meeting Calendar Discussion

Mr. Jesse mentioned that, at the last meeting, it was requested an item be added to the agenda for this meeting to discuss the possibility of changing the meeting schedule from the first Thursday of the month back to the first Tuesday of the month. This would be effective for calendar year 2024. Mr. Jesse said that this item was for discussion and a decision was not necessarily needed at this time.

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Mayor Romero mentioned that she would have a conflict if the meetings were to return to Tuesdays as Mayor and Council meetings were held on Tuesdays. Those meetings could start as early as noon. Further, time was also needed prior to the meetings for preparation. Mr. Jesse said that he suspected the same was true for Ms. Rosenberry and she agreed.

Mr. Brandt explained that the reason the discussion came up was due to Local Board Office staff mentioning that Tuesdays would be more convenient for their workflow but said the Police Board and Fire Board certainly acknowledge the scheduling conflict issues that Tuesdays present.

Mayor Romero also suggested the possibility of Wednesdays. Due to the Local Board Office staffing and Mr. Bossé's unavailability that day, it was concluded the best scenario was to continue holding the PSPRS Local Police Board and the PSPRS Local Fire Board meetings at 9:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month.

Mr. Weber wanted to clarify that the reason for the change back to Tuesdays was being considered was the ability of the Local Board Office to process vendor payments in a timelier manner. Mr. Jesse clarified that he is still learning the Workday process but previously any invoices needed to be submitted by noon on Wednesday. So, meetings on Thursdays delayed payments by a week.

Mayor Romero said her preference was for the meetings to remain on Thursdays. Mr. Jesse pointed out that the only Thursday that would cause a scheduling conflict, due to a holiday, would be the July 4, 2024 meeting date. The board agreed that Tuesday July 2, 2024 would be a better alternative.

**Motion** made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Weber, that 2024 calendar year meetings for the PSPRS Local Police Board and the PSPRS Local Fire Board will continue to be held on at 9:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month except for the July meeting which will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday July 2, 2024.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously (7-0) in a joint vote of the Police and Fire Boards.

- Miscellaneous / Other

Mr. Jesse let board members know that the Workday implementation for PSPRS had been completed. He is now working on the implementation for the new

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system PSPRS is rolling out next year. The test pension contribution files for that implementation were due July 3. They were submitted and approved in April. Mr. Jesse said that he was now working with the IT department to create a test demographic file for the next test phase. The due date for that test

demographic file to be submitted is August 7. The next phase involves health insurance premium reporting files. It launched August 2.

Mayor Romero told board members that Mike Townsend, PSPRS Executive Director, would be making a presentation during a Mayor and Council study session August 8, 2023, at 2:00pm. Mayor Romero said this was an in-person meeting and invited everyone to attend as it is expected to include an overall update on PSPRS, a discussion of the positive changes/progress made over the last few years by the PSPRS Board of Trustees, and possibly some commentary on the City of Tucson 115 pension trust.

Mr. Fimbres asked if this session would be available online. Mayor Romero said it would. Mr. Weber thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity and added that City of Tucson is the third largest employer contributing to the Public Safety Retirement System.

**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 **September 7, 2023** in Fire Central **Room 262**, Tucson Fire Department, 300 S. Fire Central Place, Tucson, AZ.

Mayor Ramirez adjourned the Police Board meeting at 9:27 a.m.

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

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