

**GOLDER RANCH FIRE DISTRICT  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, July 21, 2022 2:00 p.m.  
3885 E. Golder Ranch Drive, Tucson, Arizona

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Wally Vette called the meeting to order on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Wally Vette, Vice-Chairperson Kyle Goodrich, Board Member Randy Karrer, Board Member Lee Mayes, Board Member Fred Pearce, and Board Services Specialist Maggie Hernandez

Staff Present: HR Director Allison Delong, Finance Director Dave Christian, and Legal Counsel Steve Bosse

**2. SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

There were no public speakers at this time of the meeting.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. APPROVE MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2022 LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING

B. APPROVE MINUTES – MARCH 2, 2022 LOCAL PENSION BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION** by Vice-Chair Goodrich to approve the July 21, 2022 Consent Agenda

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Mayes

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

A. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(1) THE PSPRS LOCAL PENSION BOARD MAY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR FIREFIGHTER JOLYN JAMESON

**MOTION** by Vice-Chair Goodrich to enter into Executive Session for review and discussion of the IME report for Jolyn Jameson provided by Dr. Terry Brown, pursuant to ARS §38-431.03.A(1).



**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Pearce  
**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING FIREFIGHTER JOLYN JAMESON'S APPLICATION FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT BASED UPON THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION RESULTS

Board Member Karrer stated this was a horrific accident and we wish Ms. Jameson the best because this has been a terrible experience.

**MOTION** by Vice-Chair Goodrich to approve the application for accidental disability submitted by Firefighter Jolyn Jameson as it meets the requirements for an accidental disability retirement as outlined by A.R.S. 38-844

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Pearce  
**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- C. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(1) THE PSPRS LOCAL PENSION BOARD MAY GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO THE REHEARING OF AN APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR FIREFIGHTER JOHN TUCKER

**MOTION** by Vice-Chair Goodrich to enter into Executive Session for review and discussion of the IME report for John Tucker provided by Dr. Young, pursuant to ARS §38-431.03.A(1) and A.R.S. §38-431.03.A(3).

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Pearce  
**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

**MOTION** by Board Member Karrer to adjourn executive session at 2:26 p.m.  
**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Pearce.

*The meeting reconvened into regular session at 2:28 p.m.*

- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE THIRD REQUEST FOR AN ORDINARY DISABILITY RETIREMENT BY FORMER FIREFIGHTER JOHN TUCKER AS PART OF A REHEARING AND BASED UPON THE RESULTS FROM THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

Mr. Tucker requested to speak from the audience as a member of the public. Chairperson Vette gave Mr. Tucker two minutes to speak.

**MOTION** by Board Member Mayes to deny the application for ordinary disability submitted by Firefighter John Tucker as it does not meet the requirements for an ordinary disability retirement as outlined by A.R.S. 38-844

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Goodrich  
**MOTION OPPOSED** by Board Member Pearce  
**MOTION CARRIED 4/1**



- E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THOSE MEMBERS CURRENTLY IN THE DEFERRED OPTION RETIREMENT PLAN (DROP) TO EXTEND THEIR MEMBERSHIP TO SEVEN YEARS UPON THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEE'S REQUEST

**MOTION** by Board Member Karrer to table the extension of seven years in DROP for the above listed members as well as any other member that requests the same extension and has met the required qualifications

**MOTION SECONDED** by Board Member Goodrich

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S ANNUAL ACTUARIAL REPORT PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-847(D)(7)

Finance Director Christian presented the actuarial report with informational slides to reference. Chairperson Vette asked a question regarding the 1.2% that we gave when we fully funded. Director Christian answered. There were no further questions from the board.

**MOTION** by Board Member Pearce to approve 2021 Public Safety Personnel Retirement System's Annual Actuarial Report as presented.

**MOTION SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Goodrich

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

- G. INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: DISCUSSION OF AN UPDATE PRESENTED ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM'S WEBSITE REGARDING TIER 2 CONTRIBUTION RATE CALCULATIONS AND APPLYING INTEREST TO DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP) PAYMENTS

Board Member Karrer encouraged new members to view the trainings on the PSPRS website such as this and wanted to bring it to the board's attention.

*No motion necessary*

- H. INFORMATIONAL ITEM ONLY: DISCUSSION REGARDING MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NEW APPOINTEES TO THE LOCAL PSPRS BOARD

Board Member Karrer said this is an opportunity for the board to understand any new changes to procedures. Legal Counsel Bosse spoke about the obligations to the board by viewing the training to familiarize themselves with the board's role and district's role.

Board Member Karrer requested Legal Counsel Bosse to speak about combining boards and having separate boards. Legal Counsel Bosse gave background information regarding management of boards in regards to large, medium, and small



boards. Legal Counsel Bosse said consultants have advised combining small and medium boards, however, to no avail. He added that boards may combine in the future, possibly next July 1, 2023, and spoke about different results that may occur when combining boards. Legal Counsel Bosse spoke about PSPRS mandating the different silos that the lawyers can represent and provided scenarios and possible benefits or negative results that combining boards would offer.

Chairperson Vette asked if there are term limits. Legal Counsel Bosse said no, but there are terms to serve.

Chairperson Vette remarked about a sentence in an article and the interest that accrues under DROP. Board Member Karrer said you get better interest rate for the first five years and last two years goes to a 401A account with less interest.

*No motion necessary*

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- Board Member Pearce asked about the DROP extension. Legal Counsel Bosse said it is district-wide, not individual, but the employer has to make decision.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Board Member Pearce to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

**MOTION SECONDED** by Vice-Chair Goodrich

**MOTION CARRIED 5/0**

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Wally Vette, Chairperson  
Public Safety Personnel Retirement System  
Local Pension Board, Golder Ranch Fire District  
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