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<u>MINUTES</u> <u>MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD</u>

Meeting Date:Thursday, October 26, 2023Meeting Time:1:00 PMLocation:21021 E. Homestead Drive, Red Rock, AZ 85145

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

3. ROLL CALL AND CONFIRMATION OF A QUORUM

Board Members in Attendance Chairman Castaneda Chief Lyle Kennedy, by phone Captain Tony Donaldson Cody Bren, by phone Lorrie Palmquist Chief Delfs *Others In Attendance* Counsel Steve Bosse Jared Fiori, present by Zoom

Chief Delfs informed the Chairman that the Agenda was properly posted on October 17, 2023 and that there is a quorum present.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

There were no requests to speak.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board may convene in Executive Session to receive legal advice or to review confidential medical information.

6. INTRODUCTION OF ATTORNEY STEVE BOSSE

Counsel Bosse introduced himself to the Board, explaining that he is the Counsel for many of the Local Pension Boards in Arizona

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from the meeting of July 13, 2023 Separation of Service: Firefighter Diego Talamantez, 8-14-23 Chief Kennedy motioned to approve the consent agenda. Captain Donaldson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

8. <u>REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION</u> TO REVIEW THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT AND THE FORM P5-LB-A PREPARED BY DR. THOMAS NELSON AND TO APPROVE, DENY OR SEEK MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY APPLICATION FOR FIREFIGHTER/PARAMEDIC JARED FIORI.





Chief Delfs addressed the Board, stating that documents were handed out in the packet. He asked that all packets be turned in at the conclusion of the meeting because of the confidential information contained therein. The Chief explained that the PSPRS statute states that in order for a claim to be accepted, an independent medical examiner must conclude that an injury totally prevents an employee from performing a reasonable range of duties within their job classification, the injury is permanent, and that the injury must have been incurred in the line of duty. The documentation from Dr. Nelson unequivocally states that Mr. Fiori's injury is not total, nor is it permanent. Counsel Bosse informed the Board that their course of action could be to either table the application to request more information or deny the application. After no further discussion, Captain Donaldson motioned to deny Mr. Fiori's application for accidental disability. Chief Kennedy seconded. *Motioned carried unanimously*, *5:0*.

9. ADJOURNMENT Chief Kennedy motioned to adjourn. Captain Donaldson seconded. *Motion carried unanimously*, *5:0.* Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.