

Minutes

Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

March 2, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board meeting hosted virtually via Cisco WebEx and in person at the Human Resources Conference Room located at 20 E. 6th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 on Thursday March 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Andy Arredondo
Rob Ferraro
Johnny Tse

Board Members Present (in person):

Keith Burke
Alex Moreno

Board Members Absent:

City Staff Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Matt Quick, HR Specialist
Nicole Martinez, Workers Compensation Specialist
Kathleen Broman, HR Manager

City Staff Present (in person):

Rebecca Strisko, Human Resources Director
Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II
Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist

Legal Counsel Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the February 2, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes; second by Alex Moreno. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Ferraro, Moreno and Tse
Nays: None
Absent: None

2. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary

Motion by Alex Moreno to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's Legal Counsel and to discuss records confidential by law; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Ferraro, Moreno and Tse
Nays: None
Absent: None

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:21 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:47 p.m.

3. New Members

Motion by Alex Moreno to approve the new member applications of **Satchel Escalante (pre-existing condition), Adam Guida (pre-existing condition), Benjamin Lamoreaux (pre-existing condition) and Victor Schnayer (pre-existing condition)**; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

4. Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Jeffrey Corder (continued from April 7, 2022 and October 6, 2022)

Chair Burke said that this is the continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for Jeffrey Corder. At the April 7, 2022 meeting the Board approved moving Mr. Corder forward to an Independent Medical Examination (IME). At the October 6, 2022 meeting the Board agreed to table the application for no more than 12 months so the applicant can obtain treatment as recommended by the Board's Medical Board. Mr. Corder, or his attorney, shall provide updated treatment records and other relevant information by April 3, 2023 and July 31, 2023 so that the matter may be considered at a future meeting. The Board has received updated treatment records. At today's hearing, the board must determine whether the documentation is sufficient to be sent to the Medical Board for further review.

Chair Burke opened the item for discussion. Boardmember Ferraro said that he would like additional time to review the information as well as the information that was submitted on March 2, 2023 by Mr. Norris. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Alex Moreno to postpone the hearing until a future meeting to allow Boardmembers sufficient time to review the additional materials; Second by Johnny Tse. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

5. Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Matthew Feddeler (continued from August 4, 2022 and October 6, 2022)

Chair Burke stated that this is the continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for **Matthew Feddeler**. At the August 4, 2022 meeting, the Board voted to table the Application pending receipt of additional information from a provider. In addition, the redacted portions of the application were requested to be unredacted and sent directly to the Board's Legal Counsel for review. The additional information was provided to the Board.

At the October 6, 2022 meeting, the Board determined that the documentation submitted was sufficient to conclude that the statutory requirements are satisfied and directed that Mr. Feddeler be sent for an Independent Medical Exam (IME)." The Board has received the results. At today's hearing, the Board must determine whether the documentation submitted is sufficient to make a determination on Mr. Feddeler's application.

Chair Burke asked if there was anyone who wished to address the Board. Dale Norris, Mr. Feddeler's legal counsel said that this is like Mr. Corder's situation. Mr. Norris requests that the Board table the application based on the Board's IME to allow Mr. Feddeler an opportunity to continue treatment.

Motion by Alex Moreno to table the application for no more than 12 months so the applicant can obtain treatment as recommended by the Board's Medical Board. Mr. Feddeler or his attorney, shall provide updated treatment records and other relevant information by September 7, 2023 and December 7, 2023 so that the matter may be considered at a future meeting. The Board notes at this time that Mr. Feddeler filed his application after the disabling incident or within one year of ceasing to be an employee; Second by Johnny Tse. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mr. Norris asked the Board when Mr. Feddeler's retirement application will be coming before the Board for review. Board Legal Counsel, Lesli Sorensen said that Boards no longer take up retirement applications since the law changed and the application will be processed by PSPRS. Mr. Norris apologized to Boardmembers for failing to provide the additional information for Mr. Corder's application in a timely manner. Chair Burke thanked Mr. Norris for his comments and closed the agenda item.

6. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2023

7. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

8. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Alex Moreno; second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

Rebecca Strisko

Rebecca Strisko (May 10, 2023 09:20 PDT)

Rebecca Strisko, Local Board Secretary