

Minutes

Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

June 6, 2024

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 June 6, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via WebEx):

Andy Arredondo

Board Members Present (in person):

Keith Burke

Michael Bloomer

Board Members Absent:

Bill Munch

City Staff Present (via WebEx):

Matt Quick, HR Specialist

Nichole Gonzalez, Workers Comp. Specialist

Chris Hansen, Risk Manager

City Staff Present (in person):

Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II

Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist

Kathleen Broman, HR Manager

Legal Counsel Present (in person):

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

1. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Michael Bloomer to approve the April 4, 2024 Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes, the April 4, 2024 Police PSPRS Board Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the April 4, 2024 Joint Fire & Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes; second by Andy Arredondo. Motion passed on a voice vote 3-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo and Bloomer

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Munch

2. **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary**

Motion by Michael Bloomer 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 Andy Arredondo. Motion passed on a voice vote 3-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo and Bloomer

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Munch

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:09 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:23 p.m.

3. Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Alexandra Robinson

Chair Burke said this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for Alexandra Robinson. At the October 5, 2023 meeting the Board voted to table the application pending additional documentation and clarification of the records as noted with the applicant in Executive Session. At the January 4, 2024 meeting, the Board approved sending Ms. Robinson to an Independent Medical Exam. The results of the IME have been submitted to the Board. At today's hearing, the Board must determine whether the documentation submitted is sufficient to make a determination on Ms. Robinson's application. Chair Burke asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Ms. Robinson attended the meeting via telephone and declined to make a public statement.

Motion by Andy Arredondo to approve the application for accidental disability benefits for Alexandra Robinson based on the results of the Independent Medical Exam; Second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 3-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo and Bloomer

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Munch

The following questions from the Accidental Disability Questionnaire, Form P5-LB-A were read out loud and verbally affirmed by the Board:

1. Did the employee file the application after the disabling incident, or within one year of ceasing to be an employee? **Yes**
2. Did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability? **Yes**
3. Did employment terminate based on a disciplinary action? **No**
4. If the member's period of DROP has ended, if applicable, did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability? **Not Applicable**
5. Is the employee still working in a position within their job classification that the Local Board considers a reasonable range of duties position? **No**
6. Has the employee refused a position within their job classification that the Local Board considered a reasonable range of duties? **No**
7. Did the injury or condition occur prior to the current PSPRS membership date? **No**
8. Was the injury or condition the result of an event incurred during the performance of the employee's duty?
Yes

4. Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Laura Berner (continued from July 6, 2023, January 4, 2024, and April 4, 2024)

Chair Burke said this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for Laura Berner. At the July 6, 2023 meeting the Board voted to table the application for six months to allow the applicant to obtain additional treatment. At the January 4, 2024 meeting, the Board requested additional records as stated in the application. At today's hearing, the Board must determine whether the documentation submitted is sufficient to conclude that the statutory requirements are satisfied for the Board to direct that they be sent for an Independent Medical Exam (IME). Chair Burke asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Ms. Berner's attorney, Kathryn Baillie, attended the hearing and declined to make a statement.

Motion by Andy Arredondo, based on evidence submitted, to accept the application and direct that the applicant be sent for an Independent Medical Exam; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 3-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo and Bloomer

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Munch

5. New Members

Motion by Michael Bloomer to approve the new member applications of **Nelson Chicas-Ramos** (pre-existing condition), **Matthew Daller** (pre-existing condition), **Saul Espino** (pre-existing condition), **Aaron Greene** (pre-existing condition), **Jacob Karko** (pre-existing condition), **Sergio Oliver** (pre-existing condition), **Fernando Perez, Jr.**, **Alexis Sanchez** (pre-existing condition), **Dave Schilling** (pre-existing condition), **Garrett Schweikert** (pre-existing condition) and **Garrett Vasquez** (pre-existing condition); Second by Andy Arredondo. Motion passed on a voice vote 3-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo and Bloomer

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Munch

6. Review of Retirees Returning to Work

Board Secretary Kathleen Broman said that staff were recently reminded that the city needs to bring before the Local Board any PSPRS retiree that has obtained employment with the City of Tempe regardless of which PSPRS employer they retired from. The names and statutes are in the Board's packet for review.

Boardmember Bloomer said that after having reviewed the information presented, he recommends that the Board finds that **Michelle Mattlin**, **David Rich**, **Steven Gilbert**, **John Salazar**, and **Enrique Balderas** retired from an employer other than the City of Tempe and are not in a position ordinarily filled by an employee of an eligible group. The alternative contribution rate is not required.

7. Annual Review of Members Receiving Disability Benefits

Ms. Broman said that the Board is asked on an annual basis to review the members receiving disability benefits and the names are included in the Board packet. The Board reviewed the disability recipients. There was no further discussion.

8. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2024.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Bloomer; second by Andy Arredondo. Motion passed on a voice vote 3-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo and Bloomer

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Munch

The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Kathleen Broman

Kathleen Broman (Sep 5, 2024 15:34 PDT)

Kathleen Broman, Local Board Secretary