



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – FIRE**  
Minutes, Wednesday, February 23, 2022  
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Board Meeting held at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, February 23, 2022. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers.

**A. Call To Order**

Chair Hall called meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**B. Roll Call:** Skip Hall, Chairperson – Present  
Chandler Brown, Citizen Board Member – Present  
James Conner, Citizen Board Member – Present  
Christopher Preest, Fire Member – Present  
Ricardo “Rick” Valdez, Fire Member – Present

**In attendance:** Cynthia Kelley, Board Attorney  
Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** –Completed

**D. Current Events Reports** - None

**E. Staff Reports** – None

**F. Call to the Public** - None

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the December 15, 2021 Public Safety Retirement Commission - Fire meeting minutes – APPROVED**

**Motion to Approve:** James Conner

**Second:** Christopher Preest

**Opposed:** None



**Regular Agenda:**

**2. Review and discussion on Fire Department's Actuarial Valuation report effective June 30, 2021 – June 30, 2023 – Information Only**

Ariana Reyna stated that the Fire Department's actuarial report projects the financial liabilities faced by the pension system including employer funding levels and contribution rates. The Board Secretary stated that the actuarial evaluation is put together by Foster & Foster who is an independent national actuarial consulting firm and they are contracted by PSPRS.

Discussion ensued between Board Members indicating that the report is provided every two years, and that the Fire Department is over 80% funded in Tier 2 while Tier 3 is overfunded at this point. The Surprise Fire Department projects being extremely well funded in comparison to other entities in the valley. Overall, the department is in good standing and headed in the right direction.

City Manager Bob Wingenroth addressed the Board and stated that he tied the June 30<sup>th</sup> information to the audited financial statement. He agreed with the discussion about the Fire Department's good standing and reminded the Members that the report does not include the returns mentioned in last week's annual conference. Mr. Wingenroth took the opportunity to thank the Board Members for their service on the Board. He recognized that presiding over millions of dollars is a huge responsibility therefore, the Members' diligence and care is greatly appreciated by all city employees.

Christopher Preest inquired on member contributions for the system and discussion followed regarding rates fluctuating on an annual basis. The hope is that the Fire Department will gradually see a decrease in contribution rates if the funding ratio continues to increase over time.

**3. Discussion and possible action to review and make changes to current Fire Board Bylaws in relation to the newly adopted Model Uniform Rules as recommended by Legal Counsel – TABLED**

Based on the discussion that took place earlier during the Joints Board meeting, the Board did not take action as Legal Counsel will present a merged version of both Fire and Police bylaws during the next meeting.

**G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – None**

**H. Executive Session – None**



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**I. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 10:24 a.m. – **APPROVED**

**Motion:** Chandler Brown

**Second:** Christopher Preest

**Opposed:** None

**Meeting Minutes Approval:**

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Skip Hall, Chair  
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire

**CERTIFICATION:**

I, Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary and Human Resources Business Partner for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are true and correct minutes of the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Meeting of **Wednesday, February, 23, 2022.**

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Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary  
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire