



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL FIRE & POLICE BOARDS – JOINT**

Minutes, Wednesday, April 13, 2022
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the PSPRS City of Surprise Fire & Police Joint Board Meeting held at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2022. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers.

A. Call to Order

Chair Hall called meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

B. Roll Call:

Skip Hall, Chairperson – Present
Chandler Brown, Citizen Board Member – Present *(telephonically)*
James Conner, Citizen Board Member - Present
Severin Hall, Police Department – Present
Ian Murton, Police Department – Absent *(excused)*
Christopher Preest, Fire Department – Present *(telephonically)*
Ricardo Valdez, Fire Department – Present

In attendance:

Cynthia “Cindy” Kelley, Board Attorney
Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed

D. Current Events Reports – None

E. Staff Reports

Review FY 22 legal counsel fees

Update on Members’ Term Renewals – Ariana Reyna notified the Board that citizen Board Member Chandler Brown will not be seeking reappointment. The City Clerk’s office has advertised open seat vacancy to City of Surprise residents. In addition, official notification was sent out to both the Fire and Police Departments letting contributing public safety employees know that there is a vacancy available to serve on their corresponding PSPRS Board. A tentative timeline of election process was included in the packet for reference.

HR/Payroll’s request for new DROP process - Due to change in process, Ariana Reyna asked for PSPRS Board Members to please remind employees who may come to them inquiring about DROP or retirement, to make sure to include HR/Payroll in their official notification to PSPRS so that HR/Payroll can, internally, make sure that both employee/employer contributions stop on time.

F. Call to the Public – None



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Consent Agenda:

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the February 23, 2022 Joint Public Safety Retirement Commissions - Fire & Police Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**

Motion to Approve: James Conner

Second: Chandler Brown

Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

- 2. Discussion and possible action to review and approve Joint (Fire & Police) Board Bylaws as drafted and recommended by Legal Counsel – APPROVED AMENDED VERSION**

Ariana Reyna notified the Board that after the approval to incorporate HB 2381's statutory changes and adoption of the PSPRS Board of Trustees' Model Uniform Rules during the February 23 Joint Board meeting, you, as the Joint Board, entertained the idea to merge both Fire and Police bylaws into one. Attached is the recommended version by Legal Counsel for the Board's review and consideration. Cindy highlighted the section on page 10 where Fire and Police had different languages in their individual bylaws and she also merged a section talking about non-routine claims. Cindy Kelley mentioned other changes that needed to be made for an amended version to be approved. Cindy Kelley specified that the Fire Board needed to consider psychologist testing under the disability claims listed in bylaws as well as consider if they would be ok with the presumption that a member needed to undergo treatment for at least 12 months before the Board would consider a case for disability benefits. Christopher Preest mentioned that he read through recommendations and he accepted the changes as listed to which Ricardo Valdez concurred.

Motion to Approve: Chandler Brown

Second: James Conner

Opposed: None

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – None

H. Executive Session

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:26 a.m. – APPROVED



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Motion: Severin Hall
Second: Ricardo Valdez
Opposed: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Skip Hall, Chair

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ariana Reyna, Human Resources Business Partner and PSPRS Board Secretary for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are true and correct minutes of the PSPRS Local Fire & Police Boards - Joint Meeting of **Wednesday, April 13, 2022.**

Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary