



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – FIRE**
Minutes, Wednesday, December 9, 2020
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Board Meeting held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 9, 2020. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers. Due to COVID-19, the public was able to stream meeting live.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chairperson – Present
Chandler Brown, Citizen Board Member – Present
James Conner, Citizen Board Member – Absent
Christopher Preest, Fire Member – Present (*conference bridge*)
Ricardo Valdez, Fire Member – Present

In attendance: Paige Gearhart, Human Resources Manager
Cynthia Kelley, Board Attorney (*conference bridge*)
Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary (*conference bridge*)
Connie Welsch, Human Resources Manager

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 possible action pertaining to the review and approval of the October 14, 2020 Public Safety Retirement Commission - Fire Board meeting minutes – APPROVED**

James Conner pointed out that meeting minutes included in binder had a discrepancy. Minutes need revision as they indicate that he was absent during the October 14, 2020 but later show that he made motions and voted. After the meeting, the Board Secretary contacted Mr. Conner to apologize for discrepancy and confirmed that this would be fixed.



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Motion to Approve: Chandler Brown

Second: Ricardo Valdez

Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

2. Considerations and possible actions pertaining to Subcommittee's report on the reexamination of disability recipient for the Surprise Fire Department pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-844 (E) – INFORMATION ONLY

Board Secretary stated that a Subcommittee comprised of Christopher Preest and Rick Valdez was approved on the October 14, 2020 Board meeting. The Subcommittee met on November 21, 2020 and concluded that no action is needed from the Board. Ricardo Valdez commented on the Subcommittee's meeting and Christopher Preest agreed with his summary.

3. Review and discussion of FY 2020 – 2021 legal counsel fees – INFORMATION ONLY

The Board Secretary mentioned that as previously discussed, this will be an ongoing report on combined expenditures for the Public Safety Retirement Commissions and asked if the Members had any questions on information presented. Chair asked if the report included costs for an IME to which the Board Secretary confirmed that the Police amount did include a recent cost incurred by the Police Board for an IME. The Board Secretary stated that going forward, she would portray distinction, include such additional costs separately, and make sure that only legal fees incurred are projected.

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – None

H. Executive Session – None

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. – **APPROVED**

Motion: Chandler Brown

Second: James Conner

Opposed: None



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Meeting Minutes Approval:

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Skip Hall, Chair
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary and Sr. Human Resources Analyst – ADA & Leaves 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, December 9, 2020**.

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Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire