



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – FIRE**
Minutes Wednesday November 13, 2019
16000 North Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the PSPRS City of Surprise Local Board – Fire Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, November 13, 2019. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Overflow Conference Room.

Call To Order:

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

A. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chairperson & Citizen Board Member – Present
Chandler Brown, Citizen Board Member – Excused
Jim Conner, Citizen Board Member – Present
Rick Valdez, Employee Board Member – Fire Dept. – Present
Chris Preest, Employee Board Member- Fire Dept. – Present

In attendance: Kirsten Riege, Interim Board Secretary
Carrie O'Brien, Board Attorney
Scott Gwaltney, Community Member

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Completed

C. Current Events Reports: None

D. Staff Reports: Mrs. Riege updated the board on the process to notify recruits that they are listed on the agenda for acceptance into the PSPRS System.

Mrs. Riege introduced Ms. Carrie O'Brien to the Board. Ms. O'Brien explained that she is with the law firm Gust Rosenfeld. Ms. O'Brien stated her firm represents many cities and towns in the Phoenix area on a variety of issues. She further stated that she also represents the City of Glendale PSPRS boards and advises many political subdivisions on Open Meeting Law issues.

Call to the Public: Scott Gwaltney

Mr. Gwaltney made a call to the public. Mr. Gwaltney served as the Board Chair from April 17, 2018 to October 30, 2019. Mr. Gwaltney expresses his concerns regarding the assignment of the Board Attorney and Secretary. Mr. Gwaltney is concerned that the City Attorney may be out of compliance with PSPRS State Statutes by assigning the Board Secretary and Board attorney. Mr. Gwaltney also voiced his concerns that there have been multiple (6) Board Attorneys in the last year and a half.

Mr. Gwaltney stated that he has had meetings with Mr. Wingo regarding the assignments. Mr. Gwaltney further stated he has also been in contact with PSPRS to voice his concerns.

Mr. Gwaltney said the state board is making efforts to make sure that all local boards are compliant with the State laws. Mr. Gwaltney concluded by informing the board



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members that they, as well as Mayor Hall and Mr. Wingo, will be receiving communication from the State related to his concerns.

Consent Agenda:

#1. Discussion and action pertaining to approval of PSPRS Local Board - Fire October 9, 2019 meeting Minutes. - **Approved**

Motion: Valdez
Second: Preest
Opposed: None

Skip Hall - voted yes
Jim Connor- abstained
Chandler Brown - absent
Chris Preest - voted yes
Rick Valdez - voted yes

Regular Agenda:

#2. Consideration and action pertaining to a vote to appoint Kirsten Riege as Board Secretary. – **Tabled**

Mr. Valdez opened discussion about the motion to approve Mrs. Riege as the Board Secretary. Mr. Valdez stated his concerns about the PSPRS Secretary position being assigned and the abilities of the secretary to support the Board in a timely manner. Mrs. Riege addressed the Board to explain her work history and her commitment to support the Board. Ms. O'Brien provided some clarification on the Board's role in the selection process.

Mr. Preest made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of legal advice.

Mr. Preest made a motion to table the vote on nominating and confirming Kirsten Riege as the Local Board Secretary to the next board meeting on December 11, 2019.

Motion: Preest
Second: Connor
Opposed: None

Skip Hall - voted yes
Chandler Brown - absent
Jim Connor - voted yes
Chris Preest - voted yes
Rick Valdez - voted yes



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#3. Consideration and action pertaining to the acceptance of one (1) new Firefighter, Shaun Cooper, with preexisting conditions into the PSPRS System – **Approved**

Motion: Preest
Second: Valdez
Opposed: None

Skip Hall - voted yes
Chandler Brown - absent
Jim Connor - voted yes
Chris Preest - voted yes
Rick Valdez - voted yes

#4. Other Business –

Mr. Preest requested a review of current bylaws to ensure consistency with State statutes. Ms. O'Brien will provide an update at the December 11, 2019 meeting.

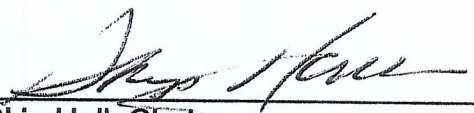
Mrs. Riege confirmed attendance by Board members for the 2020 PSPRS Annual Conference. All Board members are able to attend.

Adjournment:

Mr. Valdez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. – **Approved**

Motion: Valdez
Second: Preest
Opposed: None

Skip Hall - voted yes
Jim Connor- voted yes
Chandler Brown - absent
Rick Valdez - voted yes
Chris Preest - voted yes



Skip Hall, Chairperson

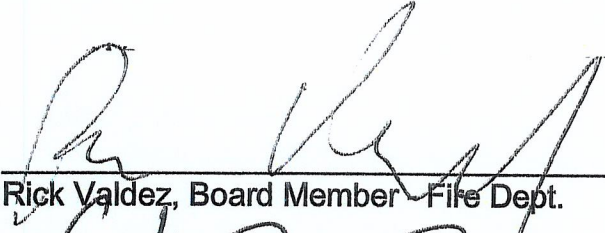
Chandler Brown, Board Member - Citizen



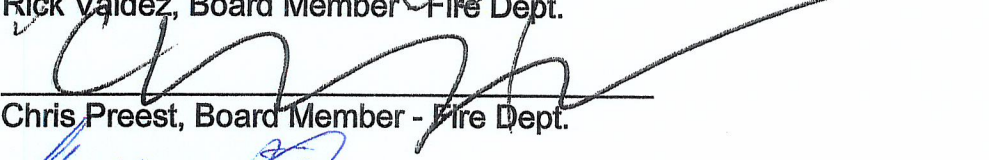
Jim Connor, Board Member -Citizen



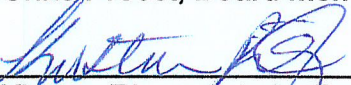
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