



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – POLICE**
Minutes, Wednesday, December 7, 2022
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the City of Surprise Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police meeting held at 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 7, 2022. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chair – Present
James Conner, Appointed Member – Present
Kim Drayden, Appointed Member – Present
Severin Hall, Police Department – Present
Christopher Thomas, Police Department – Present

In attendance: Cynthia “Cindy” Kelley, Legal Counsel (*telephonically*)
Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary

C. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed

D. Current Events Reports - None

E. Staff Reports – Review of FY 23 legal counsel fees. Ariana Reyna acknowledged that during the previous meeting, the Board requested for a column to be added to the chart to illustrate the budgeted amount to clearly identify expenditures and money left over from budgeted figure which have been included therein.

F. Call to the Public – None

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the November 16, 2022 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Executive Session Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**

Motion to Approve: Kim Drayden
Second: James Conner
Opposed: None



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2. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the November 16, 2022 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

Motion to Approve: James Conner
Second: Kim Drayden
Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

3. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review of the medical examination and the acceptance of Lateral Police Officer Gabriel Fuentes into the PSPRS system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-859. – APPROVED.

Ariana Reyna stated that Lateral Police Officer Fuentes was hired on 11/14/2022 with the Surprise Police Dept. The employee was officially notified of the Board's review of his medical records today. Motion was made to approve the Police employee into the PSPRS system as follows:

Gabriel Fuentes without preexisting conditions

Motion to Approve: James Conner
Second: Kim Drayden
Opposed: None

4. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review and approval of PSPRS retiree Gerald L. Dempsey's alternate contribution rate (ACR) to the system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843.05 – APPROVED

Ariana Reyna stated that Gerald L. Dempsey was hired as a Police Officer with the Surprise Police Department effective November 14, 2022. He retired from the Phoenix Police Department.

Motion to Approve: Kim Drayden
Second: Severin Hall
Opposed: None

5. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review and approval of PSPRS retiree Elizabeth A. Diaz alternate contribution rate (ACR) to the system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-843.05 – APPROVED



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Ariana Reyna stated that Elizabeth A. Diaz was hired as a Police Officer with the Surprise Police Department effective November 14, 2022. She retired from the Glendale Police Department.

Motion to Approve: James Conner
Second: Severin Hall
Opposed: None

**6. Discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session and review medical records exempt from public inspection regarding the accidental disability retirement application for Police Officer Anna M. Weaver –
APPROVED FOR IME**

Ariana Reyna acknowledged that Officer Weaver was present in the event that the Board had any questions. Kathryn Baillie filed a notice of appearance to represent Officer Weaver as her legal counsel and she joined public session telephonically.

Motion to ENTER Executive Session at 3:07 p.m.: James Conner
Second: Severin Hall
Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ENSUED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH TOOK
PLACE FROM 3:07 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Christopher Thomas made a motion to move forward with ordering an Independent Medical Exam for Anna M. Weaver as there is sufficient medical evidence presented to the Local Board.

Motion to Approve: Christopher Thomas
Second: Severin Hall
Opposed: None

**7. Discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session and review medical records exempt from public inspection regarding the accidental disability retirement application for Police Officer Richard G. Malone –
APPROVED FOR IME**

Ariana Reyna acknowledged that Officer Malone was present in the event that the Board had any questions.



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Motion to ENTER Executive Session at 3:10 p.m.: James Conner
Second: Severin Hall
Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ENSUED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH TOOK
PLACE FROM 3:16 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Severin Hall made a motion to move forward with ordering an Independent Medical Exam for Richard G. Malone as there is sufficient medical evidence presented to the Local Board.

Motion to Approve: Severin Hall
Second: Christopher Thomas
Opposed: None

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items- None.

H. Executive Session – None

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 3:21 p.m. – **APPROVED**

Motion: James Conner
Second: Severin Hall
Opposed: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

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Skip Hall, Chair
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CERTIFICATION:

I, Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary and HR Business Partner for the City of Surprise, Maricopa County, Arizona, do hereby verify that these are true and correct meeting minutes of the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting of **Wednesday, December 7, 2022.**

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Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary
Public Safety Retirement Commission - Police