



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – POLICE**
Minutes, Wednesday, January 18, 2023
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 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 18, 2023. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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
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 informed the Board about the upcoming annual PSPRS Employer-Local Board conference that will take place on Wednesday, March 1. The event will take place in person. Ariana Reyna stated that she would be sending invites to the Board Members at the conclusion of the meeting. As a reminder, the conference offers important updates, legislative changes and breakout sessions to ask questions directly to PSPRS staff about procedures and Board duties. Chair Hall stated that this conference was worthwhile as the local Board always had their questions answered and received valuable information. Severin Hall asked if the meeting would be recorded to which the Board Secretary confirmed that these sessions would be recorded and PSPRS would later upload it online and made available to stream later.

F. Call to the Public – None

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the December 7, 2022 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Executive Session Meeting Minutes – APPROVED**



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

2. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the December 7, 2022 Public Safety Retirement Commission – Police Meeting Minutes – APPROVED

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

Regular Agenda:

3. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review of the medical examination and the acceptance of Lateral Police Officers Aldo S. Ortega and Justin T. Lemon as well as Police Officer Recruits Alexandra N. Gallo, James R. McPheeters, Nicholas J. Wylie, Ronnie L. Jaques, and Luke A. Richards into the PSPRS system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-859 - APPROVED.

Ariana Reyna stated that Lateral Police Officers Ortega and Lemon as well as Police Officer Recruit Gallo were hired on 10/17/2022. Police Officer Recruits McPheeters and Wylie were hired on 8/22/2022. In addition, Police Officer Recruit Jaques was hired on 10/31/2022 and lastly, Police Officer Recruit Richards was hired on 9/6/2022 with the Surprise Police Dept. The employees were officially notified of the Board's review of their medical records today. Motion was made to approve the Police employee into the PSPRS system as follows:

Aldo S. Ortega with preexisting conditions

Justin T. Lemon with preexisting conditions

Alexandra N. Gallo with preexisting conditions

James R. McPheeters with preexisting conditions

Nicholas J. Wylie with preexisting conditions

Ronnie L. Jaques with preexisting conditions

Luke A. Richards with preexisting conditions



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Motion to Approve: James Conner

Second: Severin Hall

Opposed: None

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

Ariana Reyna stated that James S. Rothschild was hired as a Police Sergeant with the Surprise Police Department effective January 9, 2023 and that he retired from the Phoenix Police Department. A motion was made to approve the ACR payment from the City of Surprise to PSPRS for James S. Rothschild as his position of Police Sergeant is a Public Safety eligible position, effective his hire date with the Police Department of January 9, 2023.

Motion to Approve: Kim Drayden

Second: James Conner

Opposed: None

- 5. Discussion and possible action to enter Executive Session and review the Independent Medical Exam (IME) findings and other medical records exempt from public inspection regarding the accidental disability retirement application for Police Officer Anna M. Weaver – APPROVED**

James Conner asked if other Board Members needed to go into Executive Session to discuss and the consensus was no. A motion was made to approve the accidental disability retirement application for Police Officer Anna M. Weaver and requested for the Board Secretary to submit retirement paperwork to PSPRS for processing.

Motion to Approve: James Conner

Second: Severin Hall

Opposed: None

- G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items-** DROP extension and Nationwide representative to address the Joint Board.

- H. Executive Session – None**



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I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:08. – **APPROVED**

Motion: Christopher Thomas

Second: Severin Hall

Opposed: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Skip Hall", written over a horizontal line.

Skip Hall, Chair
Public Safety Retirement Commission - Police

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, January 18, 2023.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "A. Reyna", written over a horizontal line.

Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary
Public Safety Retirement Commission - Police