



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – FIRE**
Minutes, Wednesday, February 14, 2024
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Board Meeting held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 14, 2024. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chair – Present
Kim Drayden, Citizen Board Member – Present
James Conner, Citizen Board Member – Absent (*excused*)
Ricardo “Rick” Valdez, Fire Member – Present
Daniel “Dan” Anderson, Fire Member – Present

In attendance: Cynthia Kelley, Legal Counsel
Ariana Reyna, PSPRS Board Secretary

C. Pledge of Allegiance –Completed

D. Current Events Reports – None.

E. Staff Reports

Review of FY24 Legal Counsel and IME fees.

Upcoming event: 2024 PSPRS Employer-Local Board Conference to be held on Wednesday, March 6 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Glendale, AZ. Board members have been registered accordingly.

Save the date: Boards & Commissions Thank you Dinner to take place on Monday, March 25 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Surprise Regional Library.

F. Call to the Public - None

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the November 8, 2023 Public Safety Retirement Commission - Fire meeting minutes – APPROVED**



Motion to Approve: Dan Anderson
Second: Rick Valdez
Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

2. Consideration and discussion in relation to the review of the annual actuarial valuation report of the PSPRS for the Surprise Fire Department – INFORMATION ONLY.

Ariana Reyna stated that PSPRS collaborates with an actuarial consultant that generated the valuation report presented to this commission to help determine whether the assets and contributions are sufficient to fund the plan and provide the prescribed benefits for the applicable plan year.

Chair Hall stated that on page 16 of 60 of the packet the funded status for Tier 1 & Tier 2 members is 81.2% and the funded status for Tier 3 Members is 108.9%. Chair Hall mentioned that as a City, the goal is to continue to fund the plan and Ariana Reyna mentioned that the reports for the City of Surprise and other municipalities can be accessed online in the PSPRS website any time.

3. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review of medical examinations and the acceptance of Alvin K. Blue, Firefighter Recruit, into the PSPRS system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-859. - APPROVED.

Ariana Reyna stated Blue was hired on 01/08/2024 with the Surprise Fire Department. The employee was officially notified of the Board's review of their medical records today. The employee was approved as follows:

Tier 3 Alvin K. Blue without preexisting conditions.

Motion to Approve: Dan Anderson
Second: Rick Valdez
Opposed: None

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – Rick Valdez mentioned the terms of office that will be coming to an end in the near future. Ariana Reyna confirmed that for the Fire Board, the terms coming to an end in June 2024 were of James Conner and Rick Valdez. She will need to know if the current Fire Board Members will be seeking to renew their term or relinquish their position and that



she needs to know by no later than April 1st.

H. Executive Session – None

I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:07 a.m. – **APPROVED**

Motion: Kim Drayden

Second: Dan Anderson

Opposed: None

Meeting Minutes Approval:

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Skip Hall, Chair
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire

CERTIFICATION:

I, Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary and Human Resources Business Partner 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, February 14, 2024.**

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Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire