



**PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT SYSTEM
CITY OF SURPRISE LOCAL BOARD – FIRE**
Minutes, Wednesday, October 16, 2024
16000 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, Arizona 85374

The following are the minutes from the Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Board Meeting which took place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Chambers.

A. Call To Order

Chair Hall called meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chair – Present
Kim Drayden, Citizen Board Member – Present
Ricardo “Rick” Valdez, Fire Member – Present
Daniel “Dan” Anderson, Fire Member – Present
Citizen Board Member vacancy

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

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 action pertaining to the review and approval of the August 14, 2024, Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Meeting Minutes – APPROVED.**

Motion: Dan Anderson
Second: Rick Valdez
Opposed: None

- 2. Considerations and action pertaining to the review and approval of the August 14, 2024, Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire Executive Session Meeting Minutes – APPROVED.**



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Motion: Dan Anderson
Second: Rick Valdez
Opposed: None

Regular Agenda:

- 3. Consideration and possible action pertaining to the review of medical examinations and the acceptance of Firefighter Recruits Wade B. Abernathy, Keenan J. Casey, Mason E. Cuthbertson, Mason J. Francis, Kyle D. Harman, Travis R. Hawkins, Daniel T. Maxwell, Christopher J. Medina, Nickelos J. Miel, Daniel A. Murray, Dawson C. Parker, James A. Shultenburg, Alexandra L. Socha, into the PSPRS system pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-859. – APPROVED.**

Ariana Reyna informed of the following hire dates with the Surprise Fire Department: Casey, Cuthbertson, Harman, Miel, Murray, Parker, Shultenburg, and Socha were all hired on 5/13/24 as well as Francis and Medina were promoted on the same day of 5/13/24. Also, Abernathy and Hawkins were hired on 8/19/24 as well as Maxwell was promoted on the same day of 8/19/24. The employees were officially notified of the Board's review of their medical records today.

- Tier 3 Wade B. Abernathy with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Kennan J. Casey with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Mason E. Cuthbertson with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Mason J. Francis with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Kyle D. Harman with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Travis R. Hawkins with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Daniel T. Maxwell with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Christopher J. Medina with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Nickelos J. Miel with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Daniel A. Murray with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 Dawson C. Parker with preexisting conditions
- Tier 3 James A. Shultenburg with preexisting conditions



Tier 3 Alexandra L. Socha with preexisting conditions

Motion: Dan Anderson
Second: Kim Drayden
Opposed: None

4. **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 Firefighter Matthew S. Morris – TABLED.**

Ariana Reyna informed the Board that as of yesterday, October 15th, Mr. Matt Morris made a request petitioning him to change application from an accidental disability retirement and he would now like to be considered for a temporary disability benefit instead.

Motion to enter Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.: Dan Anderson
Second: Rick Valdez
Opposed: None

DISCUSSION ENSUED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 10:19 AM – 10:43 AM

A motion was made specifying that the Board has reviewed the Independent Medical Exam and based on the report findings and the Board's discussion, I motion to TABLE the accidental disability retirement application for Matthew S. Morris because additional information from the IME is needed.

Motion: Dan Anderson
Second: Rick Valdez
Opposed: None

G. Other Business and Future Agenda Items – None.

H. Executive Session – None



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I. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. – **APPROVED**

Motion: Dan Anderson

Second: Rick Valdez

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, October 16, 2024.**

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Ariana Reyna, Board Secretary
Public Safety Retirement Commission – Fire