



**CITY OF SCOTTSDALE  
POLICE LOCAL BOARD OF THE  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Public Safety Headquarters  
8401 E Indian School Rd  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251

**PRESENT:** Hugo Meraz, Chairperson/Mayoral Designee  
Donna Brown, Citizen Member/Merit Head  
Matt Heeren, Elected Member  
Rodger Paliwoda, Elected Member

**ABSENT:** Ken Strobeck, Citizen Member

**STAFF:** Autumn Asmus, PSPRS Local Board Secretary  
Darlene Ganger, Senior HR Benefits Analyst

**GUESTS:** Cindy Kelley, PSPRS Local Board Attorney

**Call to Order**

Chair Meraz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

### **Possible Executive Session**

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting: March 17, 2022

It was noted that two retirement dates were not included in the minutes and need to be confirmed by staff. Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

2. Discussion and vote on the Adoption of the PSPRS newly Revised Model Uniform Rules of Local Board Procedures

Ms. Kelly said that in advance of the meeting, she provided the Board with a copy of the document with areas relevant to Scottsdale highlighted for review.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE PSPRS REVISED MODEL UNIFORM RULES OF LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

3. Discussion and vote on the Accidental Disability Retirement application of Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson

Ms. Asmus noted that Police Sergeant Matthew S. Pearson retired on November 6, 2021 and that, if approved for accidental disability, his pension of \$6,940.62 would be retroactive to December 31, 2021.

BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION OF POLICE SERGEANT MATTHEW S. PEARSON. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

4. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police Officers into PSPRS, if any

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS, CODY ABERNETHY, OHSINE PWAR, GISELI SPERA, AND MARY TELYA WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF APRIL 25, 2022, AND KIMBERLY MCBROOM WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF MAY 9, 2022. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

5. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers

There were no recently completed service transfers.

6. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items

There were no suggestions for upcoming agenda items.

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER HEEREN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FOUR (4) TO ZERO (0). CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, HEEREN, AND PALIWODA VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

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