



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

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, January 20, 2022**

**Meeting Held Electronically**

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

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

**Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call**

Members present as listed above.

**Possible Executive Session**

**1. Review and approval of regular session meeting minutes – December 16, 2021**

BOARD MEMBER STROBECK MOVED TO APPROVE AS PRESENTED THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 16, 2021 PSPRS POLICE LOCAL BOARD MEETING. BOARD MEMBER BROWN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS

BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**2. Approval of 2021 PSPRS Police Local Board Annual Report**

Ms. Asmus noted that changes have been made based on input provided by Board Members prior to the meeting.

Chair Meraz suggested that the item be tabled to give a chance for Board Members to review the updated document. The item was tabled until the next meeting.

**3. Induction of new City of Scottsdale Police officers into PSPRS, if any**

It was noted that one of the recruits checked a box for a preexisting condition, but did not fill out the area on page 3 where it asks for a description of the preexisting condition. Discussion ensued regarding the process required when an inductee checks the box for a preexisting condition and whether or not the medical questionnaire needs to be filled out prior to induction. It was decided that the Board would give the recruit an opportunity to fill in the information as a follow-up administrative item.

BOARD MEMBER HEEREN MOVED TO APPROVE THE INDUCTION OF NEW SCOTTSDALE POLICE OFFICERS DANIEL ABELN, DANIEL BIRT, BROOX DEATHERAGE, AND MARITZA DUARTE WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF DECEMBER 20, 2021. EACH WILL BE INDUCTED WITH PREEXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS, IF ANY, AS NOTED ON THE LISTING THAT IS INCLUDED WITH THE BOARD PACKET. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

**4. Report to the Board on recently completed service transfers**

There were no recently completed service transfers.

**5. Board suggestions for upcoming agenda items**

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

Chair Meraz asked if there was any word from the City regarding in-person meetings.

Ms. Asmus said that the City Manager has issued a statement discouraging in-person meetings.

**Adjournment**

BOARD MEMBER BROWN MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBER PALIWODA SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0) BY ROLL CALL VOTE. CHAIR MERAZ, BOARD MEMBERS BROWN, PALIWODA, HEEREN, AND STROBECK VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. THERE WERE NO DISSENTING VOTES.

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Recorded and Transcribed by eScribers, LLC.