

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
ACACIA ROOM, CITY HALL
Monday, April 30, 2018

A scheduled meeting of the **Public Safety Retirement Board**, representing **Police** employees of the City of Peoria, Arizona was convened at 8401 W. Monroe Street in open and public session at **8:30 a.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Cathy Carlat, Board Chair (via telecom)
George Johnson, Board Member
Michael Faith, Board Member
Norman Bacon, Board Member
Joshua Champion, Board Member

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Kristen Venditte, HR Analyst
Christine Nickel, HR Manager
Anthony Alejandro, Council Assistant to the Mayor

Others Present: Sam Coffman, Board Attorney
Ryan Bakke

Call to the Public: There being no public present, Board Chair Mayor Carlat called for the first agenda item.

Note: The order in which items appear in the minutes is not necessarily the order in which they were discussed at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the consent agenda are considered to be routine or have been previously reviewed by the Board members and may be enacted by one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless a Board Member so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and is considered in its normal sequence on the Agenda.

CONSENT – New Business: Board Chair Mayor Carlat called for approval of the Consent Agenda. Motion was made by Board Member Josh Champion and seconded by Board Member George Johnson to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

1. DISPOSITION OF ABSENCE:

Approved the excused absence of Board Member Norm Bacon from the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board – Police meeting held on January 25, 2018.

2. MINUTES:

Approved the minutes from the Public Safety Retirement Board – Police meeting held on January 25, 2018 as presented.

3. Authorization to Hold Executive Session:

Recessed into Executive Session at **8:31 a.m.** At **8:46 a.m.** the Board reconvened in Open Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Rehearing for Accidental Disability Application:

This is a continuation of the rehearing process on the Accidental Disability application submitted by Ryan Bakke. Ryan initially submitted his application to the Board on 5/25/2017. The Board met on the initial application on 6/19/2017 and denied the application based on lack of medical evidence.

Ryan requested a rehearing within the 60-day deadline, making the request on 6/22/2017. Ryan requested that the board wait to rehear the application until he submitted additional medical documentation. On 10/5/2017, Ryan submitted the additional medical information for board review. The Board met on 10/30/2017 and voted to have Ryan undergo an Independent Medical Evaluation (IME).

Ryan met with Dr. Rosengard on 11/30/2017 for the IME and again on 1/30/2018. The Board received an addendum to the original IME, and based on information received in the IME addendum, the Board requested that Ryan correct his application to include his Primary Care Physician name and contact information, which allowed the board secretary to request the additional medical records. Once the medical records were received, they were forwarded to Dr. Rosengard and the updated P5-LB-A form was submitted to the City on 4/10/2018.

The Board discussed the medical evidence and the information presented in the IME Addendum by Dr. Rosengard. They also discussed the facts surrounding Ryan's termination of employment with the City effective July 27, 2017. Ryan's resignation letter did not stipulate the reason for termination. Board Member, Norm Bacon asked Ryan to clarify the reason for his termination. Ryan stated he terminated employment as a result of his disability.

A motion was made by Board Member Mike Faith to approve Ryan Bakke's Accidental Disability application based on the Independent Medical Exam performed by Dr. Richard Rosengard. Motion seconded by George Johnson. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The effective date for the disability retirement is July 27, 2018, which will make it effective with PSPRS as of August 1, 2017.

5. New Membership Application:

Kristen Venditte, Board Secretary, advised the Board of Brady Cox' membership application to participate in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System as a Tier 3 member with pre-existing conditions. *Special Note: Per PSPRS statutes, contributions to PSPRS will not start until the 91st day.*

Board Member George Johnson moved to accept Brady Cox' new membership application. Motion seconded by Board Member Josh Champion. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. New Membership Application:

Kristen Venditte, Board Secretary, advised the Board of Edwin Zepeda's membership application to participate in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System as a Tier 2 member with pre-existing conditions.

Board Member Norm Bacon moved to accept Edwin Zepeda's new membership application. Motion seconded by Board Member George Johnson. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Updates from Staff:

Jasson Peterson – Kristen Venditte provided an update to the Board regarding Peterson's disability application. Jasson requested the hearing continue to be on hold as he waits for additional medical information to provide to the board.

Adjournment:

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **8:58 a.m.**

Cathy Carlat, Mayor

Local Board Secretary