

CITY OF PEORIA, ARIZONA
ACACIA ROOM, CITY HALL
Monday, October 15, 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 **8:31 a.m.**

Members Present: Mayor Cathy Carlat, Board Chair
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, Local Board Attorney

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 George Johnson and seconded by Board Member to approve the Consent Agenda. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

1. **DISPOSITION OF ABSENCE:**

Approved the excused absence of Board Member George Johnson from the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board – Police meeting held on August 20, 2018.

2. **MINUTES:**

Approved the minutes from the Public Safety Retirement Board – Police meeting held on August 20, 2018 as presented.

3. Authorization to Hold Executive Session:

There was no action taken on this agenda item.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Rehearing for Accidental Disability Application:

This agenda item concerned the rehearing process on the Accidental Disability application submitted by Jasson Peterson. Jasson submitted his original application to the Board on 3/21/2017. The Board met 4/17/2017 on the initial application and medical information provided. At the meeting the Board denied the application based on lack of medical evidence as it relates to the PSPRS definition of an Accident Disability Retirement.

Jasson was provided the notice of the Board's decision and provided the information to request a rehearing and the 60-day deadline. Jasson emailed his request for a rehearing on 6/14/2017. Since this date, Jasson had requested that the Board wait to rehear his application until the conclusion of his Workers' Compensation hearing through the Industrial Commission of Arizona (ICA). The workers' compensation hearing process concluded and a decision was made and signed by the hearing judge on May 1, 2018.

After not hearing from Jasson post workers compensation claim ruling, Board Secretary, Kristen Venditte, emailed Jasson on 8/9/2018 to see if Jasson still wished to continue with the rehearing process on the disability application. Jasson responded via email on 8/14/2018 that he did. Board Secretary, Kristen Venditte, emailed Jasson on 8/20/2018 that his disability application and rehearing process would be placed on the 10/15/2018 board meeting. In the 8/20/2018 email from Kristen, Jasson was advised that if he wished to supply any additional medical for the Board to review prior to the meeting, to provide the information to Kristen by close of business on 9/20/2018. Jasson was also advised if felt additional time was needed, he could put his request for an extension in writing to the Board by 9/20/2018. Jasson was sent a reminder email on 9/12/2018 of the deadline. Jasson was notified of the 10/15/2018 board meeting by letter sent via regular mail and certified return receipt mail. The letter included the meeting agenda for 10/15/2018 and copies of the emails sent on 8/9/2018, 8/14/2018, 8/20/2018 and 9/12/2018. Jasson did not respond to any of the emails, provide any additional information for the Board to review and did not show up to the open meeting.

Based on all the information presented and reviewed by the Board members, they felt there was no new information between what was presented in April 2017 and what we had from the workers' compensation hearing as well as any medical in between that time to change the original decision made by the board back in April 2017.

A motion was made by Board Member Josh Champion to uphold the Board's original decision, which was to deny Jasson's Accidental Disability application. Motion seconded by Norm Bacon. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

5. New Membership Application:

Kristen Venditte, Board Secretary, advised the Board of Arthur Miller's 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 Arthur Miller's new membership application. Motion seconded by Board Member Mike Faith. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

6. New Membership Application:

Kristen Venditte, Board Secretary, advised the Board of Jason Fitzpatrick's 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 Josh Champion moved to accept Jason Fitzpatrick's new membership application. Motion seconded by Board Member Mike Faith. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was duly adjourned at **8:37 a.m.**

Cathy Carlat, Mayor

Local Board Secretary