The Corrections Officer Retirement Board of Pima County, Arizona met in session on the 1st floor conference room at 1750 E Benson Highway, Tucson, AZ at 8:45 a.m., July 7th, 2021.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:
  Ms. Jennifer Cabrera - Telephonically
  Mr. Leo Duffner
  Mr. Mike Hellon - Telephonically
  Sgt. Mary Scott
  CO Alma Hayes

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:
  Attorney:   David McEvoy
  Asst. Secretary:  Patricia Aron

Ms. Cabrera, chair of the board convened the meeting at 8:45 am.

Item 1 on the agenda was Roll Call. Attendance as listed above with Ms. Cabrera and Mr. Hellon appearing telephonically.

Item 2 on the agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3 on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the board meeting held on 06/02/2021. Sgt. Scott moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Duffner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the discussion and possible action on the Application for Accidental Disability Retirement for Mario Melendrez. Ms. Aron informed the Board that Mr. Melendrez’s doctors have been contacted and waiting for the Doctors to provide the HIPAA release form.

Item 5 on the agenda was the Application for Retirement for Luis Araiza with 20.140 years of credited service effective 07/01/2021. Sgt. Scott moved to approve the applications. CO Hayes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 on the agenda was the review for return to work status of Susan Kish and Todd Mattas. Ms. Aron informed the Board that Ms. Kish retired 07/25/2014 as a Corrections Officer and was Rehired on 07/28/2014 as a Public Safety Support Specialist. Mr. Mattas retired 10/16/2015 as a Corrections Officer and rehired as a Public Safety Support Specialist 10/19/2015. Mr. McEvoy reviewed statute A.R.S. Section 38-884(N) with the Board regarding the return to work of a member becoming employed by the same employer within 12 months after retiring. Mr. McEvoy discussed if reemployment occurred, the determination and steps that would need to be
completed by the Board and CORP. Mr. Duffner questioned why the Board was not made aware of the reemployment of Mr. Mattas and Ms. Kish sooner. Ms. Aron informed that Ms. Kish and Mr. Mattas are not in CORP designated positions. Mr. Duffner moved to ask the Secretaries to draft a letter to Pima County requesting the Board be informed with employees who retire and are rehired by Pima County. Sgt. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Duffner moved to suspend the pensions of Mr. Mattes and Ms. Kish following the statute A.R.S. Section 38-884(N) and the reemployment by Pima County. Sgt. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Duffner requested the secretaries communicate with Phoenix the action taken and that there was no evidence that the Local Board was aware of the reemployment by the same employer. Sgt. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7 on the agenda was the discussion and possible action regarding the salary of the assistant secretary. Mr. Duffner mentioned that Sgt. Scot and CO Hayes were present at the PSPRS meeting. Mr. Duffner moved to increase the asst. secretary salary to 75% of secretary effective 07/01/21. Sgt. Scott seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 on the agenda was the review of correspondence from the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan. Sgt. Scott asked about the Pima County Memorandum that was emailed regard the Employer Contributions to the pensions. Ms. Aron explained that this was not going to have any effect to the pensions. The memo was just informing that Pima County paid a lump sum to fully fund the pension plans.

Item 9 on the agenda was other board business. The Board will be meeting in 1st floor conference room at 1750 E Benson Highway for the next meeting on 08/04/21.

Item 10 on the agenda was a call to the public. There was none.

Mr. Duffner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sgt. Scott. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Patty Aron, Asst. Secretary