

PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD

THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA MET IN SESSION ON THE 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 130 W. CONGRESS, TUCSON, ARIZONA AT 8:30 A.M. ON MARCH 6TH, 2019.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Leo Duffner
Mr. John Fink
Lt. Costaki Manoleas

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Keith Bagwell
Deputy Manuel Van Santen

OTHERS PRESENT:

Attorney: David A. McEvoy
CORP Secretary: Jaime Carpenter (filling in for PSPRS Secretary, Robin Benge)

In the absence of Mr. Bagwell, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Duffner at 8:32 a.m.

Item 1 on the agenda was a Roll Call. Attendance, as listed above.

Item 2 on the agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3 on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the board meeting held on 02/06/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Fink seconded the motion, upon the amendment to agenda item #9, adding that “the motion passed unanimously”, which was inadvertently omitted in the draft minutes. The secretary advised that the minutes will be amended and submitted as approved by the board. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the Application for Termination from DROP and Retirement for Ralph Nunez and David Theel, with an effective date of 03/01/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the applications. Mr. Fink seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 on the agenda was the Application for Termination from DROP and Retirement for John Mawhinney with an effective date of 04/01/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the applications. Mr. Fink seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 on the agenda was the Application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for Lee Hays with 20.123 years of credited service, Russell Ponzio with 25.208 years of credited service and John Taylor with 25.251 years of credited service, all with an effective date of 03/01/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the applications. Mr. Fink seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7 on the agenda was a read-in by the Board Secretary of the of the Change of Beneficiary for Gary Hawco and Russell Ponzio, as set forth in their forms dated 02/20/19 and 01/28/19, respectively.

Item 8 on the agenda was the discussion and possible action regarding an assistant to the secretary of the board. Mr. Fink reviewed with the PSPRS Board the decisions made at the CORP board meetings on 01/02/19 and 02/06/19, regarding the replacement of CORP Board Secretary Jaime Carpenter. This included selecting Ms. Bengé as the secretary for the CORP board, in addition to hiring an assistant secretary (for both boards). Ms. Carpenter reviewed with the board the applicants and results of the interviews conducted for the assistant secretary position. The secretary advised the board that Ms. Tiffany Smetak ranked first in the oral boards and was the preferred candidate based on her interview and experience. Ms. Carpenter then reviewed with the board the duties, salary and current structure of the boards. Mr. Fink reiterated that he did not vote in favor of having Ms. Bengé be the secretary for both boards because the current structure of having a different secretary for each board was working well for the board, the plan members and the employer. Additionally, he reminded the board that the new structure adds an unnecessary expense of paying an assistant. It was at this time that CORP board members Ms. Mary Scott and Mr. Michael Escobar arrived to the meeting, as the public. A discussion then followed regarding the salary structure, training and possible transition of the assistant secretary to the fulltime secretary of the CORP board. Lt. Manoleas moved to hire Ms. Smetak as the assistant secretary for the board, with a salary of \$300.00 per month [both boards combined], beginning in April 2019; as well as having Ms. Bengé be the primary secretary for both boards and a monthly salary of \$600.00 per board, with the CORP board payment beginning in April 2019. He further moved that after an undetermined period of time and training the assistant could potentially transition to become the primary secretary for the CORP Board. Mr. Fink seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9 on the agenda was a review of correspondence with the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan. The secretary reviewed an email from PSPRS dated 02/21/19 regarding the service purchase changes and subsequent refunds.

Item 10 on the agenda was a call to the public. There was no comment from Ms. Mary Scott or Mr. Michael Escobar, who comprised the public.

Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.



Jaime K. Carpenter, Secretary