

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)  
POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCAL BOARD MEETING  
VIRTUAL MEETING VIA WebEx  
50 E. CIVIC CENTER DR., GILBERT, ARIZONA**

**May 22, 2024**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Leah Rhineheimer, Debra Stapleton, Mark Cichocki - *Via WebEx virtual meeting*

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Sgt. Daniel Brause, Officer Joe Roman

**BOARD SECRETARY:** Donna J. Pedrera

**GUEST/APPLICANTS:** Cynthia Kelly, Esq., Board Attorney  
Gregory Gordon

**Call to Order**

Leah Hubbard- Rhineheimer called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM

**1. Roll Call**

Ms. Donna Pedrera called roll and a quorum was present.

**2. Recess Special Meeting and Convene in Executive Session**

Ms. Stapleton moved to recess special meeting and convene in executive session. Mr. Cichocki seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**3. Adjourn Executive Session and Convene Special Meeting**

Executive session was adjourned, and the special meeting was convened.

**4. Disability Retirement Application**

Consideration of the Application for Accidental Disability Retirement as submitted by Officer Gregory Gordon. Officer Gordon present. Mrs. Pedrera re-affirmed with Officer Gordon that he has waived his right to confidentiality and is allowing the discussion of his medical records in public session. Officer Gordon agreed. Chairperson Rhineheimer asked the Board if they had any questions for Officer Gordon, there were no questions, and no further discussion. Ms. Stapleton made a motion to accept Officer Gordon's Accidental Disability Retirement Application and send Officer Gordon for Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) to be conducted by the appropriate doctor. Mr. Cichocki second the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**5. Return to Work Approval**

Motion to approve the Return to Work of Joe Rodriguez retired from MCSO into PSPRS and hired on January 2, 2018 into an ASRS position as a Police Commander with the Town of Gilbert.

After the Board reviewed the current job descriptions, Chairperson Rhineheimer Chairperson then went through the following questions in order to determine if Joe Rodriguez's Return to Work should be approved. The responses were:

- 1. Did Mr. Rodriguez return to work to a PSPRS eligible position?* Board unanimous - **NO**
- 2. Would the position that Mr. Rodriguez was hired into normally contribute to PSPRS?* Board unanimous - **NO**
- 3. Should ACR be paid to PSPRS?* Board unanimous – **NO**

Mr. Cichocki made a motion to approve the Return to Work of Joe Rodriguez. Ms. Stapleton second the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**6. Approval of minutes**

No Discussion. Ms. Stapleton moved to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2024 meeting. Mr. Cichocki second the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

**7. Future Meetings**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM. Ms. Pedrera advised the Board that depending on the timing of the IME completion there may or may not be a meeting.

**8. Adjournment**

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cichocki seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-0 The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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Leah Rhineheimer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Pedrera, Local Board Secretary