

**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**

July 17, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Leah Rhineheimer, Debra Stapleton, Officer Joe Roman, Mark Cichocki
- Via WebEx virtual meeting

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sgt. Daniel Brause

BOARD SECRETARY: Donna J. Pedrera

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

Call to Order

Chairperson Rhineheimer called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM

1. Roll Call

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

2. Recess Special Meeting and Convene in Executive Session

Mr. Cichocki moved to recess special meeting and convene in executive session. Officer Roman seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

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 Gregory Gordon. Mr. Gordon was present. Mrs. Pedrera re-affirmed with Mr. Gordon that he has waived his right to confidentiality and is allowing the discussion of his medical records in public session. Mr. Gordon agreed. Chairperson Rhineheimer asked the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Gordon, there were no questions. Chairperson Rhineheimer asked Mr. Gordon if he had any questions for the Board. Mr. Gordon did not have any questions for the Board. Hearing no further questions or discussion, Ms. Hubbard- Rhineheimer asked the Board for a motion. Office Roman made a motion to approve the PSPRS Accidental Disability Retirement Application of Gregory Gordon. Ms. Stapleton second the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board then went through the questions on the PSPRS form P5-LB-A. The responses were:

1. *Did the employee file the application after the disabling incident, or within one year of ceasing to be an employee?* Board unanimous - Yes
2. *Did the employee terminate by a reason of disability?* Board unanimous – Yes
3. *Did the employment terminate based on a disciplinary issue?* Board unanimous – No

4. *If the member's period of DROP has ended, if applicable, did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability?* N/A

5. *Is the employee still working in a position within their job classification that the Local Board considers a reasonable range of duties position?* Board unanimous – No

6. *Has the employee refused a position within their job classification that the Local Board considered a reasonable range of duties?* Board unanimous – No

7. *Did the injury or condition occur prior to the current PSPRS membership date?*
Board unanimous – No

8. *Was the injury or condition the result of an event incurred during the performance of the employee's duty?*
Board unanimous – Yes

5. Return to Work Approval

Motion to approve the Return to Work of Colten Pearce retired from Gilbert into PSPRS on August 1, 2019 and rehired by Gilbert on June 10, 2024 into an ASRS position as a Safety Coordinator, a non-sworn administrative position.

After the Board reviewed the current and prior job descriptions and the recruitment documents, Chairperson Leah Rhineheimer then went through the following questions in order to determine if Colten Pearce's Return to Work should be approved. The responses were:

1. *Did Colten Pearce return to work to the "same" position as he retired?* Board unanimous - No

2. *Would the position that Colten Pearce was hired into normally contribute to PSPRS?* Board unanimous - No

3. *Did Colten Pearce return to work with the Town of Gilbert before the 1 year waiting period?* Board unanimous - No

Ms. Stapleton made a motion to approve the Return to Work of Colten Pearce. Mr. Cichocki second the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Certification of Full-time Police Officers Pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-842.24(B), 38-842.27, 38-842.31 and 38-847(D)1

No Discussion. Mr. Cichocki made motion to approve the following full time Police Officers into PSPRS with any pre-existing conditions that are listed in their pre-employment physical, Karim Aldaretti Piedra – Hired 05/28/2024, Deshawn Sachse - Hired 05/28/2024, Aaron Brown – Hired 06/24/2024, all new full time Police Officers into PSPRS with any pre-existing conditions that are listed in the pre-employment physical. Officer Roman second the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

7. Approval of minutes

No Discussion. Officer Roman moved to approve the minutes from the May 22, 2024 meeting. Ms. Stapleton seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

8. Future Meetings

Next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024 at 5:00PM. Ms. Pedrera advised the Board that currently there are items for the Agenda, so the meeting will be held.

9. Adjournment

Mr. Cichocki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Officer Roman seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.

Leah Rhineheimer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Donna J. Pedrera, Local Board Secretary