

**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**

August 21, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Debra Stapleton, Sgt. Daniel Brause, Officer Joe Roman, Mark Cichocki - **Via WebEx virtual meeting**

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairperson Leah Rhineheimer

BOARD SECRETARY: Donna J. Pedrera

GUEST/APPLICANTS: Cynthia Kelley, Esq. Board Attorney
Juliana Guerra
Steve Serbalik, Esq. Attorney for Juliana Guerra

Call to Order

Debra Stapleton acting as Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:01 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. Sgt. Brause 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. Rehearing Disability Retirement Application

Rehearing for the consideration of the Application for Accidental Disability Retirement as submitted by Juliana Guerra. Ms. Guerra was present, along with her attorney, Mr. Serbalik. Mr. Serbalik stated that he will address the Board on behalf of his client, he stated that he is requesting that the Board process her application consistent with the process that the Board has processed all other disability applications and in accordance with the A.R.S Statues and send her for an IME. Mr. Serbalik stated that Ms. Guerra was separated due to her disability in July of 2023 and meets the necessary statute prerequisites, and that the Board was missing information from Gilbert's HR regarding agreements about her separation and that he would obtain the information and forward to the Board for review. Ms. Stapleton stated that the Board had additional questions and required additional information before making a decision to accept Ms. Guerra's application for Accidental Disability Retirement and that it would be best to table the decision until the information was received. Mr. Cichocki made a motion to table the decision on Ms. Guerra's Accidental Disability Retirement application until the information needed by the Board was received. Ms. Stapleton second the motion, the motion passed 3-1. Ms. Stapleton stated that if the missing information was received early enough the Board would try and schedule a meeting before the next scheduled meeting of September 18, 2024.

5. Approval of minutes

No Discussion. Mr. Cichocki moved to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2024 meeting. Sgt. Brause seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Future Meetings

Next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024 at 5:00PM. Ms. Pedrera advised the Board that currently there are multiple items for the Agenda, so the meeting would most likely be held.

7. Adjournment

Officer Roman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sgt. Brause seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

Leah Rhineheimer, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Donna J. Pedrera, Local Board Secretary