

APPROVED

The Public Safety Retirement Board of Pima County, Arizona met in session on the 1st floor conference room at 130 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ at 8:30 a.m. October 2nd, 2019.

VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Keith Bagwell
Mr. Leo Duffner
Lt. Bruce Westberg
Lt. Costaki Manoleas
Mr. John Fink

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Attorney: David McEvoy
Secretary: Robin Benge
Asst. Secretary: Patricia Aron
Sgt. Michael Escobar
Dep. Maurice Othic
Mr. Mark Othic

Mr. Bagwell, chairman for the board convened the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

Item 1 on the agenda was a Roll Call. Attendance as listed above with Mr. Duffner 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 09/04/19 not 10/04/19 as listed on the agenda. Mr. Fink moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Lt. Westberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the Application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for Gary Stengel with 25.053 years of credited service and Byron Trappman with 25.029 years of credited service both with an effective 10/01/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the applications, seconded by Lt. Westberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 on the agenda was the Application for Termination from DROP and retirement for Greg Bargar effective 10/01/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the application, seconded by Lt. Westberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 on the agenda was the Application for Membership for William Hill (noted pre-existing condition) with an effective date of 09/15/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the application, seconded by Lt. Westberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 7 on the agenda was the Applications for Membership for Edward Kwon (noted pre-existing condition) and Cameron Turk with an effective date of 09/16/19. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the application, seconded by Lt. Westberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 8 on the agenda was the Application for Separation Refund for James Law. Lt. Manoleas moved to approve the application, seconded by Lt. Westberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 9 was the Employer's Certification for Termination for Bryan Espinoza as read into the record.

Mr. Fink moved that the board meet in executive session for item 10 on the agenda which was the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Maurice Othic. The motion was seconded by Lt. Westberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting recessed for executive session at 8:37 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 9:08 a.m.

Item 10 on the agenda was the Non-Executive Session of discussion and possible action regarding the Accidental Disability Retirement Application for Maurice Othic. Mr. Fink questioned the applicant, Deputy Othic. Deputy Othic addressed the board regarding his condition, how he dealt with things seen at work citing specific cases he responded to and what his status is now. Mr. Mark Othic also addressed the board regarding his son, Deputy Othic's condition and how he has dealt with events that occurred during his time as a Deputy. There followed a lengthy discussion by the board as to the criteria of Accidental Disability by reason of mental defect, the training Deputy Othic received as well as his assignments during his time with the Sheriff's Department. Mr. McEvoy discussed the Sloss case from 1979 which states the condition must have been produced by the unexpected, the unusual, or the extraordinary stress. Lt. Westberg moved to deny the application as Deputy Othic did not meet the standard. Lt. Manoleas seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. During the vote Mr. Fink and Mr. Bagwell explained their position regarding their vote. Lt. Manoleas, Lt. Westberg, Mr. Duffner, Mr. John Fink and Mr. Keith Bagwell all voted aye. The motion passed unanimously.


Item 11 on the agenda was the Application for Accidental Disability Retirement for Kori Miklos. The secretary received an updated first page of the application indicating that Ms. Miklos was applying for an Accidental Disability not Catastrophic. There followed a discussion by the board of the injury and it was determined that it did occur while on duty. Based on this information the board determined that Ms. Miklos may qualify for a disability retirement. Lt. Manoleas moved that the applicant be sent for an independent medical evaluation. Lt. Westberg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 12 was the review of correspondence from PSPRS. The secretary received a letter notifying the board that Mr. Hartenstein purchased prior service with Spokane, WA Fire.

Item 13 on the agenda was other board business. There was none.

Item 14 was the call to the public. There was none.

Lt. Westberg moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Lt. Manoleas. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.


Robin Bengé Secretary