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The Public Safety Retirement Board of Pima County, Arizona met in session on the 2nd floor conference room at 1750 E Benson Highway, Tucson, AZ at 8:30 a.m. June 7th, 2023.

VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Samantha Neville
Mr. Leo Duffner
Mr. Michael Hellon – Telephonically
Lt. Costaki Manoleas
Sgt. Hans Goritz

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Attorney: Steve Bosse
Asst. Secretary: Patty Aron
Deputy Adrian Ruiz
Deputy Margaret Copeland - Telephonically

Ms. Neville, chair of the board convened the meeting at 8:31 a.m.

Item 1 on the agenda was roll call. Attendance as listed above with Mr. Hellon and Ms. Copeland telephonically.

Item 2 on the agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3 on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the meeting held on 05/03/23. Lt. Manoleas motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Sgt. Goritz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the review and possible action regarding Application for Accidental Disability for Adrian Ruiz. Mr. Bosse reviewed the application and discussed answering form P5-LB-A with the Board. Mr. Duffner asked Mr. Ruiz if he currently has a military service-connected disability and what was his percentage. Mr. Ruiz answered yes, and he is at 100% as of a month ago. Mr. Duffner followed up by asking when the service connected disability was diagnosed. Mr. Ruiz replied 2 or 3 months ago. Mr. Duffner confirmed the case report that included references to the disabling event. Mr. Bosse recommended the Board send the applicant for an independent medical evaluation. Lt. Manoleas motioned to send Mr. Ruiz for an IME. Mr. Duffner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the review and possible action regarding Application for Ordinary Disability for Margaret Copeland. Mr. Bosse reviewed the application with the Board and

explained that everything appears to be in order, with the exception that the injury did not occur on the job. Mr. Duffner asked if we knew what the physical condition was. Mr. Bosse explained what the diagnosis was based on the reports. Ms. Copeland added further details and spoke on her physical condition and how she is no longer able to keep her physical fitness up for duty and the safety of others and herself. Mr. Bosses recommended that the Board send Ms. Copeland for an independent medical evaluation. Lt. Manoleas motioned to send Ms. Copeland for an IME. Sgt. Goritz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 on the agenda was other board business. There was none.

Item 7 was the call to the public. Mr. Ruiz addressed the Board and asked what an IME was. Mr. Bosse explained that he would be sent to the Board's doctor. Mr. Bosse gave a timeline and what further to expect but the Board cannot make a decision until the report is received. Lt. Manoleas addressed Ms. Copeland and explained that it would be the same process for her. Ms. Copeland asked if the diagnosis from the two doctors makes a difference. Lt. Manoleas explained that the Board doctor will review and give the recommendation to the Board. Mr. Bosse further explained to Ms. Copeland that the Board requires a medical opinion, and the IME is required before making a decision can be made. Ms. Copeland asked about the timeline. Mr. Bosse explained that the secretaries will contact the doctors and schedule the appointment.

Lt. Manoleas moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sgt. Goritz. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

Patty Aron
Asst. Secretary