

Minutes

Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

June 1, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board meeting hosted virtually via Cisco WebEx and in person at the Human Resources Conference Room located at 20 E. 6th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 on Thursday June 1, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Rob Ferraro
Johnny Tse

Board Members Present (in person):

Keith Burke
Alex Moreno

Board Members Absent:

Andy Arredondo

City Staff Present (via Cisco WebEx):

Nicole Martinez, Workers Compensation Specialist
Matt Quick, HR Specialist
Kathleen Broman, HR Manager

City Staff Present (in person):

Rebecca Strisko, HR Director
Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II
Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist

Legal Counsel Present:

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:09 p.m.

1. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Alex Moreno to approve the May 4, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes and the May 4, 2023 Police Executive Session Meeting Minutes; second by Johnny Tse. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

2. **Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary**

No Executive Session was held.

3. **New Members**

Motion by Alex Moreno to approve the new member applications of **Hannah Becker (pre-existing condition)**, **Brady Hauser (pre-existing condition)**, **Micah Henn (pre-existing condition)**, **Emanuel Solorio Espinoza (pre-existing condition)**; **Gonzalo Quiroz, Jr. (pre-existing condition)** will be conditionally approved pending additional documentation. Second by Rob Ferraro. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

4. **Status Update on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Jeffrey Corder**

Board Secretary Rebecca Strisko said that at the May 4, 2023 meeting, the Board approved a re-evaluation of Jeffrey Corder with the Independent Medical Examination (IME). The examination took place yesterday, May 31, 2023. Staff will submit the report for consideration by the Board once received.

5. **Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Anthony Miller (continued from May 4, 2023)**

Chair Burke stated that this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for **Anthony Miller**. At the May 4, 2023 meeting, the Board voted to table the application, tentatively to the August 2023 meeting, until a reassessment occurred, and the records are received. Additional documents have been provided to the Board. At today's hearing, the Board must determine whether the documentation submitted is sufficient to conclude that the statutory requirements are satisfied for the Board to direct that he be sent for an Independent Medical Exam (IME).

Chair Burke opened the item for discussion and asked if anyone would like to address the Board.

The Board clarified that Mr. Miller wished to remain in public session. Anthony Miller addressed the Board.

Mr. Miller stated that his medical provider wrote an addendum letter that states she believes that the condition is total and permanent. Ms. Sorensen noted the provider referenced another provider and asked whether Mr. Miller had seen the new provider. Mr. Miller said that he attended an initial intake with a nurse practitioner, and he has his first appointment with Dr. Abdula on June 14.

Mr. Ferraro asked for the details regarding the Board's prior action on this application. Chair Burke said that the Board voted to table the application, tentatively to the August 2023 meeting, until a reassessment occurred, and the records were received by the Board. Ms. Sorensen said that the additional documentation was received, and Mr. Miller's attorney requested that the item be heard sooner, since the purpose of the delay was for the reassessment

Mr. Miller will work to have assessment documentation send to the Board as soon as possible.

Mr. Ferraro said that if the additional documentation is provided to the Board sooner than the August meeting, the Board will consider it at the July 6, 2023 meeting. Mr. Moreno said that the deadline to provide documentation to the Board for the July 6 meeting is June 23, 2023. Mr. Moreno explained that when the Board sends an applicant to an IME for this type of injury, it consists of two parts with different medical providers. For consistency and equitability, the Board prefers to have a medical doctor involved in the initial application, prior to recommending the application move forward to an IME. Ms. Sorensen noted the purpose of referral, and that the IME doctors prefer to see evidence-based treatment before determining that a condition is permanent. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Rob Ferraro to table this item, to the July or August 2023 meeting, until the additional treatment records have been received by the Board; Second by Alex Moreno. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

Mr. Ferraro asked if the June 23, 2023 deadline was firm. Ms. Sorensen said that Board Procedures state that information must be received 10 days in advance of the meeting. However, the Board Chair can review the documentation and decide whether to allow the materials to move forward after the deadline. Mr. Miller's application can be a running agenda item to allow staff adequate time to present materials for review, should they be received.

6. **Board Expenditures – 1st Quarter 2023**

Ms. Strisko said that the Board's expenditures for the first quarter 2023 were provided in the board packet. There was no further discussion.

7. Board Appointment

Chair Burke said that Michael Bloomer has been elected by the Tempe Police Department to term effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2027. Chair Burke thanked Boardmember Moreno for his years of service. Mr. Moreno thanked staff and Ms. Sorensen for their work on Board meetings.

8. PSPRS Updates

Ms. Strisko said that the Tier 2 Public Safety Member Contribution Rate update was included in the board packet. There was no further discussion.

9. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2023

10. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

11. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Alex Moreno; second by Johnny Tse. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Ferraro, Moreno and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

The meeting adjourned at 2:33 p.m.



Rebecca Strisko, Local Board Secretary