

# Minutes

## Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

### October 5, 2023

Minutes of the Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board meeting hosted virtually via MS Teams and in person at the Human Resources Conference Room located at 20 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street Tempe, AZ 85281 on Thursday October 5, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present (via MS Teams):**

Michael Bloomer  
Johnny Tse

**Board Members Present (in person):**

Keith Burke  
Rob Ferraro

**Board Members Absent:**

Andy Arredondo

**City Staff Present (via MS Teams):**

Kathleen Broman, HR Manager  
Matt Quick, HR Specialist  
Rebecca Strisko, HR Director

**City Staff Present (in person):**

Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II  
Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist

**Legal Counsel Present (in person):**

Lesli Sorensen

*Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.*

#### 1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the September 7, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes and the September 7, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Executive Session Meeting Minutes; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

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

Motion by Rob Ferraro to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's Legal Counsel and to discuss records confidential by law; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:13 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

#### 3. Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits (continued from May 4, 2023, June 1, 2023 and July 6, 2023) for Anthony Miller

Chair Burke said that this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for Anthony Miller. At the May 4, 2023 and June 1, 2023 meetings, the Board voted to table the application until a reassessment occurred, and the additional treatment records were received. At the July 6, 2023 meeting, the Board approved moving Mr. Miller forward to an Independent Medical Exam (IME). The IME reports have been received by the Board. At today's hearing, the Board must determine whether the documentation submitted is sufficient to make a determination on Mr. Miller's application.

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the application for accidental disability benefits for Anthony Miller based on the results of the Independent Medical Exam. The Board considered the conflicts in the record and the Board resolved them in favor of the applicant based on the totality of the IME report; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

The following questions from the Accidental Disability Questionnaire, Form P5-LB-A were read out loud and verbally affirmed by the Board:

1. Did the employee file the application after the disabling incident, or within one year of ceasing to be an employee? **Yes**
2. Did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability? **Yes**
3. Did employment terminate based on a disciplinary action? **No**
4. If the member's period of DROP has ended, if applicable, did (or will) the employee terminate by a reason of disability? **No**
5. Is the employee still working a position within their job classification that the Local Board considers a reasonable range of duties position? **No**
6. Has the employee refused a position within their job classification that the Local Board considered a reasonable range of duties? **No**
7. Did the injury or condition occur prior to the current PSPRS membership date? **No**
8. Was the injury or condition the result of an event incurred during the performance of the employee's duty? **Yes**

Boardmember Ferraro thanked Mr. Miller for his service and mentorship. There was no further discussion.

#### **4. Initial Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Alexandra Robinson**

Chair Burke stated that this is the initial hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for **Alexandra Robinson**. 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 they be sent for an Independent Medical Exam (IME).

Motion by Rob Ferraro to table the application pending additional documentation and clarification of the record as noted with the applicant in Executive Session; second by Michael Bloomer.

Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

#### **5. New Members**

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the new member applications of **Luis Chavez (pre-existing condition)**, **Antowine Locke, Jr. (pre-existing condition)**, **Kenneth McCoy (pre-existing condition)**, and **Gilberto Mendoza (pre-existing condition)**. Second by Johnny Tse.

Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

Motion by Rob Ferraro to conditionally approve the new member applications of **Boubacar Bah (pre-existing condition), Ryan Corman (pre-existing condition), and Joshua Leiler (pre-existing condition)**; Second by Johnny Tse.

Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Arredondo

#### **6. Future Meeting Date**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2023.

#### **7. Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda items.

#### **8. Public Appearances**

There were no public appearances.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Rob Ferraro; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer, Ferraro, Tse

Nays: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

*Kathleen Broman*

[Kathleen Broman \(Jan 8, 2024 13:58 MST\)](#)

Kathleen Broman, Local Board Secretary