

Minutes

Tempe Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

January 4, 2024

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 January 4, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via WebEx):

Andy Arredondo

Board Members Present (in person):

Keith Burke
Rob Ferraro
Michael Bloomer

Board Members Absent:

Johnny Tse

City Staff Present (via WebEx):

Kathleen Broman, HR Manager
Matt Quick, HR Specialist
Chris Hansen, Risk Manager
Nichole Martinez, Workers Comp. Specialist

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 2:07 p.m.

1. **Consideration of Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the October 5, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes and the October 5, 2023 Police PSPRS Board Executive Session Meeting Minutes; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer and Ferraro

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Tse

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 Arredondo, Bloomer and Ferraro

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Tse

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:08 p.m. The Board reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

3. **Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Alexandra Robinson (continued from October 5, 2023)**

Chair Burke said that this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for Alexandra Robinson. At the October 5, 2023 meeting, the Board tabled the application pending additional documentation and clarification of the record as it was noted with the applicant during Executive Session. 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).

Chair Burke asked if anyone would like to address the Board. Ms. Robinson attended the meeting via telephone and declined to make a public statement.

Motion by Rob Ferraro, based on evidence submitted, to accept the application and direct that the applicant be sent for an Independent Medical Exam; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer and Ferraro

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Tse

Ms. Sorensen provided the next steps in the process to Ms. Robinson; stating that a staff member will contact her to schedule the IME.

4. **Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Laura Berner (continued from July 6, 2023)**

Chair Burke said this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for accidental disability benefits for Laura Berner. At the July 6, 2023 meeting the Board voted to table the application for six months to allow the applicant to obtain additional treatment. The Board also requested Workers Compensation records, call for service records and any records related to the Craig Tiger Act treatment as stated in the application. 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).

Dale Norris, attorney for Ms. Berner addressed the board. Mr. Norris said that the applicant has submitted sufficient evidence that the application be moved forward to an IME, however he understands that there are additional records the Board wishes to review. Ms. Berner has continued treatment, provided two additional letters from medical professionals, underwent a nonfriendly IME as requested by the City of Tempe. The conclusion of the IME was that Ms. Berner was eligible for a medical retirement. In reference to documents one and five, they are summarized in Dr. Walker's report. Mr. Ferraro said that he would feel more comfortable reviewing the documents prior to moving the application forward. There was no further discussion.

Motion by Rob Ferraro to continue 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 Arredondo, Bloomer and Ferraro

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Tse

5. **New Members**

Motion by Rob Ferraro to approve the new member applications of **Boubacar Bah (pre-existing condition)**, **Ryan Corman (pre-existing condition)**, **Britt Franza (pre-existing condition)**, **Makenzie Gleave (pre-existing condition)**, **Joshua Leiler (pre-existing condition)**, **Daniel O'Neil (pre-existing condition)** and **Lamyaa Saylor**. Second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer and Ferraro

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Tse

6. Status Update on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Matthew Feddeler

Ms. Broman said that At the March 2, 2023 meeting a motion was made by Alex Moreno to table the application for no more than 12 months so the applicant can obtain treatment as recommended by the Board's Medical Board. Mr. Feddeler or his attorney, shall provide updated treatment records and other relevant information by September 7, 2023 and December 7, 2023 so that the matter may be considered at a future meeting. Staff reached out to Matthew Feddeler's attorney, Dale Norris regarding a status update. No response was received as of the November 22, 2023 deadline. There was no further discussion.

7. Board Expenditures – 3rd Quarter 2023

Ms. Broman said that the expenditures for the third quarter of 2023 were included in the Board packet. There was no further discussion.

8. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2024.

9. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items.

10. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Rob Ferraro; second by Michael Bloomer. Motion passed on a voice vote 4-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Bloomer and Ferraro

Nays: None

Absent: Boardmember Tse

The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

Kathleen Broman

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Kathleen Broman, Local Board Secretary