

Minutes

Tempe Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards

March 4, 2021

Minutes of the Tempe Fire and Police Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board joint meeting hosted virtually via Cisco Webex on Thursday, March 4, 2021, 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via Cisco Webex):

Steven Methvin
Bill Goodman
Don Jongewaard
Alex Moreno
Mike Scheidt
Johnny Tse

Board Members Absent:

Rob Ferraro

City Staff Present (via Cisco Webex):

Rebecca Strisko, Deputy Internal Services Director-HR
Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist
Matt Quick, HR Specialist
Chris Hansen, Risk Manager
Nichole Martinez, Worker's Compensation Program Specialist
Susan Buck, Executive Assistant

Legal Counsel Present (via Cisco Webex):

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Steven Methvin called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

1. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary:

No Executive Session was held.

2. Legislative Update from Board Legal Counsel:

Board Legal Counsel Lesli Sorensen provided an overview of Arizona SB 1214 which was recently passed and signed by the governor last month. The bill has some key provisions pertaining to PSPRS Local Boards, summarized as follows:

- Local Boards will no longer be responsible for determining service credits, benefits and the amount, manner and time of any benefit payments in the system. This would mean the Local Boards would no longer approve retirements or applications to enter the Deferred Retirement Option Plan.
- The Local Boards will still be deciding eligibility for new membership in PSPRS, disability benefits, and line of duty death benefits.
- Local Boards can voluntarily consolidate via an inter-governmental agreement.
- PSPRS is required to review all disability determinations and line of duty death determinations and to send the claim back to the Local Board if it appears the claim was not adjudicated properly.

The bill takes effect in January 2022 and more information will be forthcoming from PSPRS regarding implementation as the effective date gets closer. The Boards generally discussed the bill.

Ms. Sorensen stated there was also a bill introduced by Representative Blackman that would have given the Police and Fire members of the Local Boards release time in order to participate in the Local Boards; it did not get a hearing and does not appear to be moving forward at this time.

3. Board Legal Counsel Contract Renewal:

Local Board Secretary Rebecca Strisko stated that the contract for Board legal services with Ryan, Rapp, Underwood and Pacheco is up for renewal. The contract was originally awarded for an initial two-year period effective May 2018-May 2020 and included the option of three additional one-year renewal periods. Ms. Strisko stated that if the contract is renewed for another year, this would be the second of three renewals and the renewal would expire on May 3, 2022. Ms. Strisko provided the vendor performance review criteria that Procurement utilizes in order to determine if a contract should be renewed and referred the Board to the meeting packet regarding the contract spend for the past several fiscal years. Ms. Strisko stated that staff recommends renewal of the contract for another year but would like Board feedback on the renewal. Board consensus was to renew the contract for another year.

4. Future Agenda Items:

There were no future agenda items discussed.

5. Public Appearances:

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mike Scheidt; second by Johnny Tse. Motion passed on a voice vote 6-0.

Ayes: Chair Methvin; Boardmembers Goodman, Jongewaard, Moreno, Scheidt and Tse

Nays: None

Absent: Rob Ferraro

The meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



Rebecca Strisko, Local Board Secretary