



# **NORTHWEST FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT LOCAL PENSION BOARD**

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## **MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 10, 2016**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Tim Clayton called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Northwest Fire District Administration/Prevention and Safety Building, 5225 W. Massingale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85743.

### **TAKE ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINE IF A QUORUM EXISTS:**

Present: Tim Clayton, Chair  
Patrick Pettigrew, Vice Chair  
Michael J. Brandt, Board Member  
Brent Mobbley, Board Member, Attending Telephonically

Excused: Clinton Green, Board Member

Tim Clayton called the meeting to order, and a quorum existed with three (3) voting members physically present, and one (1) of the voting members telephonically present of the five (5) voting members.

Additional Attendees: Steve Bossé, Attorney for NWFD Local Pension Board; Patricia Aguilar, Local Pension Board Secretary; Debbie Metzger, NWFD HR Specialist; Lisa McCoy, NWFD HR Specialist were also present.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Tim Clayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **REVIEW, AMEND, AND APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 23, 2016, LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Tim Clayton made the following motion, seconded by Michael J. Brandt, and approved unanimously:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the June 23, 2016, Local Pension Board Meeting.

## **BUSINESS:**

Note: Attorney Bossé mentioned that information pertaining to the policy change item had been received from one of the Chiefs after the agenda had been posted. Attorney Bossé advised that since the item had been properly placed on the agenda, the information could be included as part of the discussion for this item.

### **REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT (DISTRICT) GOVERNING BOARD AMEND THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT PERSONNEL POLICY, 11.1 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS WITH PRE AND POST RETIREE BENEFITS FOR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR NEW HIRE ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PSPRS.**

Pat Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Michael J. Brandt and approved unanimously:

Motion to Recommend that the Northwest Fire District Governing Board Modify District Policy *11.1 Retirement Systems with Pre and Post Retiree Benefits for Qualified Personnel* to Reflect that New Hires Who Are Not Already Participating in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS), Upon Certification with the District, Will Have Up To 90 Days to Select and Make an Irrevocable Decision to Participate in One of the PSPRS Retirement Plan Options.

### **UPDATE ON CORTEX PROJECT RELATING TO SB1428 AND PROPOSITION 124.**

Secretary Aguilar presented the highlights of her interview on Thursday, June 30, 2016, in Phoenix with Mr. Iannucci, the President of Cortex Applied Research. The topics discussed were risk pooling of Tier 3 employees and consolidation of Local Pension Board administrations.

Ms. Aguilar stated she communicated to Mr. Iannucci that Northwest Fire District's Local Pension Board's position is not in favor of either risk pooling or consolidation of Local Pension Board administration. She explained to Mr. Iannucci that a District with 100+ employees has more administrative experience and that the training level of the District's employees exceeds what other Districts provide, and that the District should continue to be a stand-alone entity. Ms. Aguilar closed her presentation advising that a draft document of Cortex consultants' interviews conducted with Local Pension Board representatives should be available this month in August.

### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were in attendance.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was presented.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Tim Clayton made the following motion, seconded by Michael J. Brandt, and approved unanimously:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.