



NORTHWEST FIRE/RESCUE DISTRICT LOCAL PENSION BOARD

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MINUTES OF THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT (NWFD) PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was held in the Conference Room of the NWFD Administration/Prevention and Safety Building, 5225 W. Massingale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85743.

Pat Pettigrew, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

TAKE ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINE IF A QUORUM EXISTS:

Present: Pat Pettigrew, Vice Chair
Michael J. Brandt, Board Member
Clinton Green, Board Member
Excused: Brent Mobbley, Board Member
Vacancy: Chair

Attendance was taken and a quorum existed with three (3) voting members physically present of the five (5) voting members.

Additional Attendees: Bruce Kaplan, NWFD Governing Board Vice Chair, Dave Gephart, NWFD CFO, Steve Bossé, Attorney for NWFD Local Pension Board; Patricia Aguilar, NWFD Local Pension Board Secretary; Captain Phil Breton, Paramedic Scott Clark, and Firefighter Steve Gonzales were also present.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Michael J. Brandt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW, AMEND, AND APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 10, 2016, LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Pat Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Clint Green, and approved unanimously:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 10, 2016, Local Pension Board Meeting.

BUSINESS:

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TIMOTHY SCOTT CLARK'S APPLICATION TO

PARTICIPATE IN THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP), EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 13, 2016.

Pat Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Clinton Green and approved unanimously:

Motion to approve Scott Clark's Application for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP), to be effective November 13, 2016.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION TO RESCIND THE MOTION PASSED AT THE AUGUST 10, 2016, PENSION BOARD MEETING, REGARDING A CHANGE TO WHEN A FULL-TIME NEW HIRE, WHO IS NOT ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT (PSPRS), IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP, THIS RESCISSION IS BASED UPON FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH PSPRS ADMINISTRATOR ROBERT ORTEGA.

Michael J. Brandt made the following motion, seconded by Clint Green and approved unanimously:

Motion to rescind approval of change to timeline for PSPRS New-Hire Membership recommending 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.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOMMEND THAT THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT (DISTRICT) GOVERNING BOARD APPROVE TO FOLLOW THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT PERSONNEL POLICY, 11.1 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS WITH PRE AND POST RETIREE BENEFITS FOR QUALIFIED PERSONNEL FOR NEW HIRES, WHO ARE NOT ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN PSPRS, TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PARTICIPATION IN PSPRS UPON CERTIFICATION BY THE DISTRICT.

Michael J. Brandt made the following motion, seconded by Clint Green and approved unanimously:

Motion that the Northwest Fire District Local Pension Board recommends to the Governing Board to follow District Personnel Policy, 11.1, regarding new hire eligibility to participate in PSPRS, and not exercise the Local Pension Board's option outlined in statute 38, chapter 5, article 4, 38-842.27, "...at the option of the local board, employee may include a person who is training to become a certified peace officer or firefighter."

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON CORTEX DRAFT "REPORT ON RISK POOLING & LOCAL BOARD CONSOLIDATION" RELATING TO SB1428 AND PROPOSITION 124. REFERENCE ARTICLE "FEEDBACK TO RISK POOLING AND BOARD CONSOLIDATION STUDY SOUGHT."

Steve Bossé, the NWFD Local Pension Board Attorney, presented a review of the study's recommendations and detailed how NWFD stands in the risk pool. Mr. Bossé explained that lobbying the legislature to allow for NWFD Local Pension Board and other similar size Districts to stand on their own would be the only option at this point. Per the study, the recommendation is for NWFD to be under Pima County.

**REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON *HALL V. EORP* LAWSUIT. REFERENCE ARTICLE
"ARIZONA SUPREME COURT STRIKES PENSION REFORMS."**

Attorney Bossé explained that the Hall decision reversed two (2) earlier laws allowing for an increase to PSPRS member contributions. Employers can expect to pay more and can only make assumptions for budget as the actuarial from PSPRS will not be out in time and the employer's contribution rate could change twice in one year. Those employees hired prior to 2011 will not pay more than the 7.65% and should expect a refund from PSPRS, but the time line is uncertain.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

None

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Pat Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Clint Green, and approved unanimously:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.