



# NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT LOCAL PENSION BOARD

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

**September 06, 2018**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

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

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

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

Present: Patrick Pettigrew, Vice Chair  
Michael J. Brandt, Board Member  
Clinton Green, Board Member  
Robert Lozano, Board Member

Excused: Rebecca Arend-Hicks, Chairperson

Attendance was taken and a quorum existed with four (4) voting members physically present, and one (1) excused absence of the five (5) voting members.

Additional Attendees: Steve Bossé, Attorney for NWFED Local Pension Board, Patricia Aguilar, Local Pension Board Secretary, Norman (Brad) Bradley, Fire Chief.

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

Patrick Pettigrew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **REVIEW, AMEND, AND APPROVAL OF THE JULY 31, 2018, LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES.**

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 31, 2018, Local Pension Board meeting.

## **BUSINESS**

### **WELCOME ROBERT LOZANO TO HIS NEW POSITION ON THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD WHICH OFFICIALLY COMMENCED ON JULY 01, 2018.**

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, along with the Pension Board Members welcomed Robert (Bob) Lozano to the Board.

No Motion needed at this time.

### **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE NEW HIRE FIREFIGHTER, BENJAMIN YANKOVICH'S, APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS) UNDER NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT, TO BE EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 03, 2018, AND WHO WILL NOT HAVE A 90 DAY WAITING PERIOD DUE TO BEING A TRANSFER IN THE PSPRS SYSTEM FROM ANOTHER PSPRS PARTICIPATING FIRE DISTRICT.**

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, presented the item and Fire Chief Bradley explained that Benjamin previously graduated from Northwest Fire District's Firefighter Academy and was on the Eligibility List.

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

Motion to approve new hire Firefighter, Benjamin Yankovich's application to participate in the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System under Northwest Fire District, to be effective September 03, 2018, and will not have a 90 day waiting period due to being a PSPRS transfer from another participating District.

### **REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RALPH D. EMANS RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP), EFFECTIVE AUGUST 19, 2018.**

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, presented the item, with Patrick Pettigrew and the other Board Members in attendance, all commending Assistant Chief Emans, who was not present at the meeting, for his service.

Robert Lozano made the following motion, seconded by Clinton Green, and approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Ralph D. Emans Retirement Application for the Deferred Retirement Option Plan, effective August 19, 2018.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTINUED DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR OSCAR DURZAO BASED ON A FORMAL REPORT FROM PENSION BOARD PHYSICIAN, DR. THRASHER, BASED ON MEDICAL BOARDS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-859, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL REVIEW ANY SUCH REPORT AT THE FIRST SCHEDULED MEETING AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REPORT, AND SHALL TAKE ANY ACTION WARRANTED, AS PERMITTED BY THE RELEVANT STATUTES, THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AGENDA ITEM TO REVIEW MEDICAL INFORMATION AND SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD ATTORNEY.**

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, presented the item, stating that the Pension Board's Physician, Dr. Thrasher, affirmed that Oscar Durazo remains disabled.

Michael J. Brandt made the following motion, seconded by Robert Lozano, and three (3) approved with one (1) nay.

Motion to approve continued disability benefits for Oscar Durazo based on a formal report from Pension Board Physician, Dr. Thrasher.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTINUED DISABILITY BENEFITS FOR DALE STEPHENS BASED ON A FORMAL REPORT FROM PENSION BOARD PHYSICIAN, DR. THRASHER, BASED ON MEDICAL BOARDS APPOINTED PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-859, THE LOCAL BOARD SHALL REVIEW ANY SUCH REPORT AT THE FIRST SCHEDULED MEETING AFTER RECEIPT OF THE REPORT, AND SHALL TAKE ANY ACTION WARRANTED, AS PERMITTED BY THE RELEVANT STATUTES, THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR AGENDA ITEM TO REVIEW MEDICAL INFORMATION AND SEEK LEGAL ADVICE FROM THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD ATTORNEY.**

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, presented the item, stating that the Pension Board's Physician, Dr. Thrasher, affirmed that Dale Stephens remains disabled.

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

Motion to approve continued disability benefits for Dale Stephens based on a formal report from Pension Board Physician, Dr. Thrasher.

**REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS) LEGAL DEPARTMENT'S FEEDBACK OR DECISION AS TO WHETHER THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT FIREFIGHTER/FIRE INVESTIGATOR JOB DESCRIPTION DRAFT IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SYSTEM.**

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, presented the item and referenced the letter mailed from Public Safety Personnel Retirement System's Member Services Director, Robert Ortega.

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

Motion to approve the Northwest Fire District Firefighter/Fire Investigator Job Description to be Eligible for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

None

Patricia Aguilar, Local Board Secretary will follow up with Local Pension Board Members to schedule the next Local Pension Board meeting in October.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patrick Pettigrew and seconded by Clinton Green, and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:06 PM.

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