



NORTHWEST FIRE 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

February 06, 2019

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.

Bruce Kaplan, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

TAKE ATTENDANCE AND DETERMINE IF A QUORUM EXISTS:

Present: Bruce Kaplan, Chairman
Patrick Pettigrew, Vice Chair
Robert Lozano, Board Member
Michael J. Brandt, Board Member

Excused: Clint Green, Board Member

Attendance was taken, and a quorum existed with four (4) voting members physically present.

Additional Attendees: Steve Bossé, Attorney for NWFD Local Pension Board, Patricia Aguilar, Local Pension Board Secretary, Norman (Brad) Bradley III, Fire Chief, Crystal Kasnoff, Executive Assistant to the Fire Chief/Clerk of the Board, Dave Gephart, Finance Director, and Ryder Hartley.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bruce Kaplan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW, AMEND, AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 09, 2019, LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING MINUTES.

Patrick Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Michael Brandt and approved unanimously:

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 09, 2019, Local Pension Board meeting.

BUSINESS

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF RECORDS EXEMPT BY LAW FROM PUBLIC INSPECTION (LOCAL PENSION BOARD REVIEW OF MEDICAL RECORDS AND EXAMINATION RESULTS) AND RELATED TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, stated that the Board may go into Executive session for this item. Bruce Kaplan made the following motion, seconded by Patrick Pettigrew, and approved unanimously:

Motion to approve that at the Pension Board go into Executive Session to discuss the next Agenda Item, inviting Ryder Hartley, applicant for disability retirement being discussed, Norman Bradley III, Northwest Fire District Fire Chief, and Patricia Aguilar, Local Board Secretary.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO APPROVE RYDER HARTLEY'S ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT APPLICATION, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 31, 2019, BASED ON THE RESULTS FROM THE INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EVALUATION CONDUCTED BY THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD'S CONTRACTED MEDICAL PHYSICIAN, DR. THRASHER OF SUNNYSIDE MEDICENTER, INCLUDED IS THE REPORT OF FINDINGS, ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY QUESTIONNAIRE, AND LETTER OF REQUEST FROM THE BOARD SENT TO DR. THRASHER.

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, stated that the Board reviewed all submitted information by the applicant and the report stating the findings from the Independent Medical Evaluation.

Patrick Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Michael Brandt, and approved unanimously:

Motion to approve Ryder Hartley's Disability Retirement Application based on the Local Pension Board's Independent Medical Evaluation recommendation that Ryder Hartley is unable to perform the duties of a Firefighter.

POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) FOR DISCUSSION AND CONSULTATION FOR LEGAL ADVICE WITH THE LOCAL PENSION BOARD ATTORNEY AND RELATED TO THE NEXT AGENDA ITEM.

Steve Bosse, Local Pension Board Attorney, recommended that the Board go into Executive session for this item.

REVIEW AND DISCUSSION ON AN OCTOBER 2018 NOTICE SENT OUT TO MEMBERS REGARDING OVERPAYMENT FROM THE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (“PSPRS”).

No motion was made, information only.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON GIBRAN MERRY’S RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP), EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2019.

Steve Bosse, the Local Pension Board Attorney, presented on this item and stated that all the appropriate documents to process Gibran Merry’s DROP application were submitted.

Patrick Pettigrew made the following motion, seconded by Michael Brandt, and approved unanimously:

Motion to approve Gibran Merry’s DROP application to be effective January 20, 2019.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON STEPHEN CUSTER’S RETIREMENT APPLICATION FOR THE DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP), EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2019.

Steve Bosse, the Local Pension Board Attorney, presented on this item and stated that all the appropriate documents to process Steve Custer’s DROP application were submitted.

Robert Lozano made the following motion, seconded by Patrick Pettigrew, and approved unanimously:

Motion to approve Steve Custer’s DROP application to be effective January 20, 2019.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HB 2097, EFFECTIVE JULY 01, 2019, TO BE FORWARDED ONTO THE GOVERNING BOARD FOR APPROPRIATE IMPLEMENTATION.

Steve Bosse, the Local Pension Board Attorney, presented on how a Funding Policy now is being required to be adopted by the Governing Board on an annual basis. Mr. Bosse explained that the purpose of HB 2097 is to address the need for more accountability relative to the funding issue. It provides for more transparency.

No motion was made, information only.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Lozano and seconded by Patrick Pettigrew and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.