



**Yuma County Sheriff's Office
Public Safety Personnel Retirement System
Local Board Meeting**

April 13, 2026

Members present: Darren Simmons
Joshua Farias
Dave McDowell
Kenneth Thrailkill

Member absent: Patricia Ogden

Others: Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Lesli Sorensen, Board's Attorney
August Turner, Disability Applicant
Travis Turner, Guest

A meeting of the local board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Monday, April 13, 2026, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

1. Action to approve January 28, 2026 minutes.

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2026, meeting. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the minutes. Sgt. Farias seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

2. Discussion and possible action – Accidental Disability by August Turner.

The local board reviewed Ms. August Turner's accidental disability application. Ms. Turner was present at the hearing. Attorney Sorensen provided a brief summary stating Ms. Turner originally submitted an ordinary disability application, then decided to change her application to an accidental disability. Attorney Sorensen advised the board and Ms. Turner they could discuss Ms. Turner's medical records in an executive session, or she can waive confidentiality and discuss her medical records in the regular session. Ms. Turner decided to waive confidentiality, and she agreed to discuss her medical records in a regular session.

Attorney Sorensen asked Ms. Turner several questions pertaining to her workman's compensation injury and status, employment status, whether she was subject to disciplinary action at the time of injury, and her medical conditions and treatments. The attorney advised Ms. Turner that she felt some of the medical records were missing. She discussed with Ms. Turner what those documents were and if she could provide these documents to the board. Ms. Turner answered all her questions and stated she could provide the additional medical records. All the board members asked Ms. Turner additional questions pertaining to how the incident occurred, medical conditions, and treatments. Ms. Turner gave a brief explanation of how the incident occurred and a diagnosis of her medical condition/treatment. The attorney asked if the board wanted to take action to seek legal advice and enter an executive session; all the board members agreed. Sgt. Farias motioned to enter an executive session to seek legal advice. Sgt. Thrailkill seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The local board entered an executive session with the board's attorney for legal advice from 2:28 p.m. - 2:51 p.m.

The local board members reconvened. Chairman Simmons called the meeting into regular session at 2:53 p.m.

Attorney Sorensen reiterated to Ms. Turner the list of the additional requested medical records to be submitted to board. Ms. Turner acknowledged understanding of the requested documents.

Sgt. Thraikill motion to table the application for 30 days to allow Ms. Turner to provide the requested records to the board. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Ms. Turner was advised she would receive a letter from the secretary outlining the requested medical documents. Additionally, she was advised if she submits the information earlier than the 30 days, the board can schedule a meeting sooner, however, she has that time frame to obtain the requested medical documents.

3. Review and discuss PSPRS Newsletter – PSPRS FY2026 First Quarter Newsletter.

PSPRS FY2026 First Quarter Newsletter was given to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Chairman Simmons asked the board if they had any questions regarding the newsletter. The board members had no questions.

4. Discussion of current events.

Sgt. Thraikill advised the board of PSPRS & CORP new software program, STARS. The secretary advised them that the program started today.

5. Possible set date for next meeting.

Chairman Simmons advised will keep the next meeting date open. Once the secretary obtains the additional medical documentation from Ms. Turner, a meeting will be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.



Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board