



**Yuma County Sheriff's Office  
Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board  
Quarterly Meeting**

**November 29, 2017**

Members present: Darren Simmons  
Dave McDowell  
Brenna Paulin  
Thomas Soucy

Members absent: Robert Clint

Others present: Nora Mejia-Rico, Secretary

A quarterly meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Retirement Plan was held Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Darren Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

The board reviewed the amended minutes of the May 30, 2017 special meeting. Ms. Paulin motion to approve the May 30, 2017 minutes as amended. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The board also reviewed the minutes of the November 02, 2017 special meeting. Ms. Paulin motion to approve the November 02, 2017 minutes as presented. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**New Hires:** The secretary advised the board members of the new CORP members: Anahi Alvarado Mendiola, Alix Ayala, Adrian Castillo, and Jose Garcia Cuen, their date of hire 11/13/17; Ashley Gamez and Amarion Hand, their date of hire 11/20/17; and Marisa Arviso, Donald Stiffler, and Shane Swammi, their date of hire 11/27/17. Their medical evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical conditions. Letters of pre-existing condition(s) were sent to Anahi Alvarado Mendiola, Jose Garcia Cuen, Amarion Hand, Marisa Arviso, Donald Stiffler, and Shane Swammi on November 28, 2017. Ms. Paulin motioned to approve the new CORP members and to acknowledge the pre-existing conditions. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Separated Members:** The secretary advised the board members that the following CORP member(s) have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office: Oscar Vega, date of separation 11/27/17. Ms. Paulin motioned to approve the separation from employment of Oscar Vega. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

**Current Events:** The secretary advised the local board that she attended the PSPRS/CORP educational seminar on November 7, 2017. She advised the members that the Phoenix representative provided an update on the Hall/Parker lawsuit and that they were waiting for the third party to agree on an interest rate. Since then, now all three parties involved have agreed on an interest rate of 5.25%. She briefly mentioned the enrollment process for PSPRS Tier 3. She furthered advised as of July 1, 2018, the Defined Benefit (DB) plan

will no longer exist under the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) and that new hires will be on a Defined Contribution (DC) plan only. The secretary further explained current employees will remain on the DB plan and those employees hired on or after July 1, 2018, will be on the DC plan. In addition, the secretary advised another issue that was discussed at the seminar was when processing disabilities claims to ensure the check list is completed correctly, to include answering the question if the member's employment was terminated due to disciplinary or due to the medical condition.

Lastly, the secretary informed the local board that the seminar handouts can be found on the PSPRS' website, listed are the following documents: PSPRS Update, Investment Update, Operational Update, Actuarial Concepts and Valuations, Legislative Updates, PSPRS Disability Claims, CORP Disability Claims, Disability Issues, and Governing Statutes - Disability. The secretary provided the following handouts to the board members: 2017 Legislative Update SB 1442 (CORP Closure) and Disabilities Issues. She informed them the cases listed on the "Disabilities Issues" were approved by the Local boards and appealed by the Phoenix Office for further review. She also provided a print out from the CORP's website regarding benefit increases for CORP retirees and advised there was no updated information if there will be an adjustment to the benefit increases.

The next quarterly board meeting was scheduled for March 14, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board