



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

July 31, 2014

Members present: Greg Ferguson
Dave McDowell
Tiffany Murray
Brenna Paulin

Members absent: Ruben Amaya

Others present: Nora Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Mr. Ronald Candler Jr., CORP Member
Mrs. Ronald Candler Jr.

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Retirement Plan was held Thursday, July 31, 2014, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Greg Ferguson called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the June 11, 2014 quarterly meeting. Mr. Dave McDowell motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Brenna Paulin seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

The local board reviewed the application for Normal Retirement by Mr. Wesley Collins. After a brief discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the Application for Normal Retirement by Wesley Collins, effective date of August 01, 2014. Ms. Paulin seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The local board reviewed the application for an Ordinary Disability Retirement by Mr. Ronald Candler Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Candler Jr., both were present at the meeting/hearing. Chairman Ferguson stated the following for the record: 1) Mr. Candler signed the waiver of confidentiality allowing the local board to discuss his medical condition in a public meeting; 2) Mr. Candler submitted his claim on June 26, 2014, and that the board met within the 60 day criteria; 3) The application was screened by Nora Mejia-Rico for completeness; and 4) Mr. Candler submitted medical records pertinent to his claim. Chairman Ferguson advised the local board and Mr. Candler, that the board would need to decide on one of three options: 1) to either find there is sufficient evidence and order an Independent Medical Evaluation (IME), 2) insufficient evidence and allow the member to provide additional evidence, OR 3) deny the application. He also stated the board would need to determine if the statutory requirements/questions have been met in order to send the member for an IME.

Mr. Candler advised the local board of his medical condition. The local board members asked Mr. Candler if the incident occurred at work, if treated by a specialized doctor(s) in Yuma, and his current employment status. Mr. Candler answered the board's questions, as well as Mrs. Candler, as she was given an opportunity to speak at the meeting/hearing. Nora Mejia-Rico as the Sheriff's Office Human Resources Supervisor also answered questions regarding his employment status.

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After a brief discussion on the disability process, the local board members agreed Mr. Candler provided enough medical information to support his claim and to continue in the process. Mr. McDowell motioned to direct the secretary to compile a list of doctors for an Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) and if possible, to try to find a local doctor, if there is no conflict. Ms. Paulin seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The Secretary advised the board members that a motion was needed to accept Mr. Candler's application for an Ordinary Disability Retirement. Mr. McDowell motioned to accept the Ordinary Disability application submitted by Mr. Candler. Ms. Paulin seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The board members reviewed July/August Newsletter 2014 Issue. The local board had no questions or comments regarding the newsletters.

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: Anahi Torres, date of separation 06/11/14; Nicholas Danner, date of separation 07/14/14; and Gabriel Lorona, date of separation 07/17/14. Ms. Paulin motioned to approve CORP members that have separated from employment with Yuma County. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The next quarterly board meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m., however, once the Secretary obtains a list of doctors, the board will convene a special meeting pertaining to Mr. Candler's Ordinary Disability Application.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board