



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

October 23, 2014

Members present: Greg Ferguson
Ruben Amaya
Dave McDowell
Tiffany Murray

Members absent: Brenna Paulin

Others present: Nora Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Mr. Ronald Candler, CORP Member
Ms. Beverly Candler

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Retirement Plan was held Thursday, October 23, 2014, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Greg Ferguson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the August 28, 2014 special meeting. Ms. Tiffany Murray motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Dave McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business

The local board reviewed Mr. Ronald Candler's application for an Ordinary Disability Retirement. Mr. Candler was present at the meeting. The board members reviewed and briefly discussed the Independent Medical Examination (IME) report from Dr. Jody Reiser, dated September 29, 2014. Dave McDowell commented that Dr. Reiser's IME report substantiated all the information and that Mr. Candler does have limitations/restrictions regarding his ability to do the job as a Detention Officer, both physical and mental conditions, and that the injury/condition did not occur prior to his employment as a Detention Officer. Chairman Ferguson added that it is in accordance with A.R.S. statute §38-886 as follows: Local board received the application within one (1) year after the date the member ceases to be an employee; member underwent medical examination (IME) order by the local board and that the local board has those records; a permanent ordinary disability condition exist that meets the requirements for the retirement; the injury was not suffered while engaged in felonious criminal act or enterprise; the injury was not a result of armed services action; and that the condition was not pre-existing. The local board also discussed a possible effective date. The secretary advised the board that Mr. Candler resigned on 09/02/14; the retirement effective date is usually the 1st day of the following month which would be 10/01/14, if the board chooses. Chairman Ferguson stated per statute the effective date shall not predate the date of disability or the date ceases to be an employee. Dave McDowell motioned to accept the IME examination presented by Dr. Reiser and to approve Mr. Candler's application for an Ordinary Disability Retirement, with an effective date of October 01, 2014. Tiffany Murray seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.

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The board members reviewed invoices from Yuma Cardiac Center (\$20.00) and Advantage Health Inc. (\$20.00) relating to copies of Mr. Candler's medical records. They also reviewed the invoice from Medical Consultant Network (\$2,655.00) for the Independent Medical Examination (IME) on Mr. Candler from Dr. Jody Reiser. Dave McDowell had some questions regarding the invoices. The secretary advised the local board it is customarily for businesses to charge \$20 to \$25 for medical records. She also informed the board that the original cost of the IME was \$1,655; however, due to the volume and the complexity of the medical records that it took the doctor additional time to review the records. Dave McDowell motioned to approve payment on the invoices. Ruben Amaya seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The board members agreed no need to set a next hearing date on this case. The board also agreed no legal counsel was needed.

New Business

The board members reviewed September/October 2014 Issue of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board Newsletters. The local board had no questions and/or comments regarding the newsletter.

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: Ronald Candler Jr., date of separation 09/02/14; Dulce Cuellar, date of separation 09/02/14; Luis De Leon, date of separation 09/06/14, Andres Cota, date of separation 09/26/14, Dwayne Smith, date of separation 10/02/14, and Brandon Lagasca, date of separation 10/15/14. Dave McDowell motioned to approve CORP members that have separated from employment with Yuma County. Ruben Amaya seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The next quarterly board meeting was scheduled for December 10, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board