



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

June 12, 2019

Members present: Darren Simmons
Dave McDowell
Patricia Ogden
Frank Pereda

Members absent: Richard Meraz

Others present: Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Gilberto Villegas, Yuma County Chief Financial Officer

A quarterly meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Wednesday, June 12, 2019, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the February 27, 2019 special meeting. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the February 27, 2019 minutes. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

Yuma County Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Gilberto Villegas, presented to the local board, the proposed Yuma County Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) Pension Funding Policy. Mr. Villegas explained, in accordance with House Bill 2097, ARS 38-863.01, a pension funding policy needs to be adopted by July 01, 2019. He further explained it was a new requirement that was approved and signed in April of 2018. Mr. Villegas advised the board members that it was pertinent for him to present the proposed policy to them, in order for the local board to have an understanding of the policy, and to seek their input and/or comments regarding the policy, prior to final approval from the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Villegas described the proposed funding policy, and referenced policy sections in the statute requirements. He explained the assets, liabilities, and the funded ratios for Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) and Corrections Officers Retirement Plan (CORP). Mr. McDowell and Ms. Ogden asked several questions regarding the funding ratio; what contributions (employer/employee) were being included, if an employee separates what happens to the County's portion of the contributions, and where would the money come from if the funding ratio goes below the County's acceptable ratio percentage. Mr. Villegas answered all of their questions. After a discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve and recommend the Proposed Pension Funding Policy to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for approval. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

New Members: The secretary advised the board members of the new Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) members: Juan Luna Jr., date of hire 03/18/19; Misael Mesa, and Maria Rosales, their date of hire 04/01/19. Their medical evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical

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conditions. A letter of pre-existing condition(s) was sent to Maria Rosales on June 11, 2019. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the new PSPRS members and acknowledge any pre-existing condition. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

Separated Members: The secretary advised the board members that the following PSPRS member have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office: Arlene Martinez, date of separation 05/08/19. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the PSPRS member that separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

Sgt. Pereda arrived at the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Current Events: Chairman Simmons mentioned that the City of Yuma was having a retirement training; the secretary advised the board members based on the flyer the training was for members under the retirement plan, and not necessary training for the local board. The secretary then advised the board members that a regional training will be held in Maricopa County, scheduled for July 18, 2019. She further advised them of the location, time and the topics that are going to be discussed at the training. The secretary stated, if anyone was interested, to please notify her. The board members had no other comments and/or questions regarding current events.

The next meeting was scheduled for September 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board