



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

**January 28, 2020**

Members present: Darren Simmons  
Dave McDowell  
Richard Meraz  
Patricia Ogden  
Frank Pereda

Members absent: None

Others present: Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 05, 2019 special meeting. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the November 05, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The local board reviewed the application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) by Captain Eben Bratcher, effective February 01, 2020. The secretary advised the local board of Capt. Bratcher's dates of employment, total years of service, pension amount, the effective date of DROP, and that he has selected sixty (60) months for the DROP period. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve Capt. Bratcher's DROP application. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

The local board reviewed the application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) by Lieutenant Robert Oberosler, effective February 01, 2020. The secretary advised the local board of Lt. Oberosler's dates of employment, total years of service, pension amount, the effective date of DROP, and that he has selected sixty (60) months for the DROP period. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve Lt. Robert Oberosler's DROP application. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

The local board reviewed the application to terminate the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and elect to enter Normal Retirement Plan by Captain Mark Martinez, effective February 01, 2020. The secretary advised the local board of Capt. Martinez's DROP dates, employment separation date, pension amount, and the effective date of Normal Retirement. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve Capt. Mark Martinez's application, effective February 01, 2020. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

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Separated Members: The secretary advised the board members that the following PSPRS members have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office: Daniel Ibarria, date of separation 12/06/19; and Atonda Livingston, date of separation 12/27/19. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve PSPRS member that have separated from employment with Yuma County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

Current Events: The Secretary advised the board members that Sgt. Meraz, Sgt. Pereda, Ms. Ogden and herself attended the PSPRS Annual Seminar, held on January 22, 2020. She further stated that many topics were held in different rooms, which was a first for her. Ms. Ogden and she attended the topics that pertained mostly to the local board; whereas, Sgt. Pereda and Sgt. Meraz attended the cancer insurance and the retirement benefits. The local board then discussed their thoughts on the annual seminar training, the time frame it takes a person to learn all the retirement statutes and continues to learn as cases arises (especially disabilities). They further discussed that training materials, to include the annual seminar materials, are posted on the PSPRS's website. Sgt. Meraz briefly explained the cancer insurance and Sgt. Pereda stated the importance of keeping beneficiaries current. The board members had no other comments and/or questions regarding current events.

The secretary advised the local board of an upcoming retirement application. The board members agreed to schedule the next special meeting for February 26, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

  
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Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board