



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

**February 15, 2017**

Members present: Darren Simmons  
Dave McDowell  
Richard Meraz  
Brenna Paulin  
Frank Pereda

Members absent: None

Others present: Nora Mejia-Rico, Secretary

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Wednesday, February 15, 2017, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Darren Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 03, 2016 special meeting. Ms. Paulin motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**Old Business**

The board members received a letter from Mr. Eric Frost requesting to withdraw his application for an Accidental Disability Retirement. The secretary advised the board members during the time frame of the additional (60) days the local board provided to Mr. Frost to submit additional medical evidence, he requested and received a refund from his retirement account. After a brief discussion, Ms. Paulin motioned to accept and acknowledge Mr. Frost's request to withdraw his application for Accidental Disability Retirement and to close this case. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**New Business**

Chairman Simmons briefly introduced himself to the board, he replaced Chairman Greg Ferguson.

The local board reviewed the application for a Survivor's Benefit by Mrs. Coralie Phipps. After a brief discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the Application for Survivor's Benefit by Mrs. Phipps, effective December 01, 2016. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

**New Members:** The secretary advised the board members of the new PSPRS members: Matthew Arellano, date of hire 07/03/16; and Adam Cano, date of hire 08/21/16. Their medical evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical conditions. There were no notable pre-existing medical conditions. Ms. Paulin motioned to approve the new PSPRS members and to acknowledge no pre-existing conditions. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 5 to 0.

The secretary advised the local board of the legislative changes from Senate Bill 1428 and Proposition 124; she briefly explained Tier 2 and the future Tier 3 benefit plans. The secretary further informed the board of the information she received from attending the training webinar on January 31,

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2017, and provided the presentation materials to the board. The board reviewed the PSPRS FY 2017 second quarter newsletter; the board briefly discussed the Hall's lawsuit and the board consolidation.

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for March 08, 2017, at 3:00 p.m.

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

  
Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board