



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

**February 27, 2019**

Members present: Darren Simmons  
Patricia Ogden  
Frank Pereda

Members absent: Richard Meraz  
Dave McDowell

Others present: Nora Mejia-Rico, Secretary  
Mrs. Kenneth Sanders  
Deputy Michael Kofta

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Wednesday, February 27, 2019, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

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

The local board welcomed a new board member, Ms. Patricia Ogden, who will be serving a two (2) year term, beginning January 01, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020. She replaced Ms. Brenna Paulin. Ms. Ogden briefly introduced yourself to the board.

Chairman Simmons introduced Sgt. Pereda as a reappointed board member; he will be serving a four (4) year term, beginning February 01, 2019 and ending January 31, 2023.

The board reviewed the minutes of the January 31, 2019 special meeting. Sgt. Pereda motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

**Old Business**

The local board reviewed the application for an Ordinary Disability Retirement by Lt. Kenneth Sanders. The secretary advised the board members that Lt. Kenneth Sanders passed away on February 07, 2019. After a brief discussion, Sgt. Pereda motioned to terminate the Ordinary Disability application by Lt. Sanders due to him passing away. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

**New Business**

The local board reviewed the application for Survivor's Benefit by Mrs. Yolanda Sanders, effective March 01, 2019. The secretary advised the local board of Mrs. Sanders' pension amount and the effective date. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the Survivor's Benefits application by Mrs. Sanders. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

The local board also discussed the consideration of an eligible child, Mr. Seth Sanders, who was listed in Mrs. Sanders' Application for Survivor's Benefit. The local board asked questions regarding his enrollment document, class times in school, and the number of school credits. Mrs. Sanders answered the local board's questions, as she was given an opportunity to speak. The secretary referenced two statutes, A.R.S. 38-842 (Definitions) and 38-846 (Death Benefits), to the board members. Furthermore, she read the definition of "eligible child" pursuant to A.R.S. 38-842.23 to the local board. After a discussion, the local board agreed Mr. Seth Sanders is attending school full-time and meets the criteria

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for eligible child. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the child benefits for Mr. Seth Sanders. Sgt. Pereda seconded. Motion carried 3 to 0.

The local board reviewed the application for Normal Retirement by Deputy Michael Kofta, effective March 01, 2019. The secretary advised the local board of Deputy Kofta's total years of service, dates of employment, transfer time, pension amount, and the effective date of the normal retirement. Sgt. Pereda motioned to approve Deputy Kofta's application. 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) member: Juan Correa, date of hire 01/28/19. His medical evaluation was reviewed for pre-existing medical condition(s). The secretary advised the local board that Mr. Correa had no pre-existing medical condition(s), therefore, no pre-existing letter was sent. Sgt. Pereda motioned to approve the new PSPRS member. 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: Enrique Montoya, date of separation 02/22/19. Sgt. Pereda motioned to approve the PSPRS member that separated from employment with Yuma County Sheriff's Office. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

The board members reviewed FY2019 Third Quarter Newsletter of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). The secretary advised the board members of the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Tier 1.b members will no longer be contributing to the system and a refund will be issued. She further advised the board of the Board of Trustees board member changes, many members have retired/resigned and new members have been selected. Additionally, she informed the board members that PSPRS's website has a video pertaining to Prop 125, explaining the changes from the permanent benefit increase (PBI) to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). Lastly, she advised that there will be training on March 14, 2019 in Mesa, Arizona, which will include Duties of the Local Board. She further stated if interested, to please notify her.

**Current Events:** No comments and/or questions from the board.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 12, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.

  
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Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board