



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

March 01, 2016

Members present: Greg Ferguson
Dave McDowell
Frank Pereda

Members absent: Richard Meraz
Brenna Paulin

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 Tuesday, March 01, 2016, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

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

The board reviewed the minutes of the November 17, 2015 special meeting. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the minutes. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

The local board reviewed Mr. Gary Burch's application to terminate from the DROP Program and elect to enter the Normal Retirement Plan, with an effective date of March 01, 2016. After a brief discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve Gary Burch's application for retirement, effective March 01, 2016. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

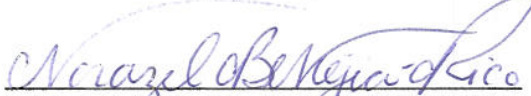
Separated Members: The Secretary advised the board members that the following PSPRS members have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office: Luis Valencia, date of separation 11/28/15; Duane Hebebrand, date of separation 01/12/2016; and Francisco Duarte, date of separation 01/22/16. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve PSPRS member that have separated from Yuma County. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for June 08, 2016. The secretary advised the board members that a special meeting will be held prior to the quarterly meeting date, as the Sheriff's Office has an upcoming retirement. Chairman Ferguson asked the secretary how soon the board needs to meet for a retirement. The secretary advised the board members the deadline to submit all retirement paperwork to the Phoenix Office is the 10th day of the month, which also includes the minutes. She further explained that the retirement must be approved by the local board first. Once approved, the Phoenix Office will then issue the retirement pension to the retiree. The board members also discussed retro pay, in the event they could not have a meeting within the time frame. The secretary advised the members that the retirement could be retroactively paid, if approved by the local board.

The local board members then briefly discussed if the County's Board of Supervisors are notified when a member separates employment. Furthermore, they discussed some variables that a PSPRS member may not consider when leaving from one agency to another, such as social security contributions

and the health insurance plan and/or cost. Lastly, the board members discussed the ramifications of those members who elect a refund upon employment separation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.


Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board