



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

April 29, 2020

Members present: Darren Simmons
Richard Meraz
Dave McDowell
Frank Pereda

Members absent: Patricia Ogden

Others present: Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Justin Crutch, Family member of Michael R. Crutch

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Wednesday, April 29, 2020, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 18, 2020 special meeting. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the March 18, 2020 minutes as presented. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

The local board reviewed the application to terminate the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and elect to enter Normal Retirement Plan by Senior Deputy Philip Spongross, effective May 01, 2020. The secretary advised the local board of Senior Deputy Spongross' DROP dates, employment separation date, pension amount, and the effective date of Normal Retirement. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve Philip Spongross' application to terminate DROP and to enter the Normal Retirement Plan. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The local board reviewed the application for Survivor's Benefit by Mrs. Dolores Brock, effective January 01, 2020. The secretary advised the local board of Mr. Roy Brock's employment dates, years of service, date of death, survivor's pension amount for Mrs. Brock, and the effective date for the survivor's benefit. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the Survivor's Benefit application by Mrs. Dolores Brock. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The local board reviewed Mr. Michael Crutch's DROP Lump Sum Beneficiary Payment. Mr. Justin Crutch was present at the meeting. The board reviewed FORM P12DROP, FORM U3 Bene, and the Letters of Personal Representative issued by the Superior Court of the State of Arizona. The secretary explained to the board members of the DROP Lump Sum Beneficiary Payment situation, and the possible options that were considered. She further explained that Mr. Justin Crutch is the appointed personal representative for the Estate of Michael Ryland Crutch, and on behalf of the estate, Mr. Justin Crutch filed for the DROP Lump Sum Beneficiary Payment. The secretary informed the members of the DROP Lump Sum payment amount. After a brief discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve Michael Crutch's DROP Lump Sum Beneficiary Payment to the Estate of Michael Ryland Crutch. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

The local board reviewed the application for Death Benefit by Mr. Justin Croutch. The secretary advised the local board that Mr. Justin Croutch is listed as the primary beneficiary on FORM 8. She also advised them of the Death Benefit payment amount. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve the Death Benefit application by Justin Croutch. Sgt. Pereda seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

Sgt. Pereda had to leave the meeting; he left at 3:16 p.m.

The board members reviewed FY2020 Second Quarter Newsletter of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). The secretary advised the board members even with the current market stock situation, it will not affect the distribution of benefits to retirees and survivors. She further advised PSPRS Annual Employer Local Board training videos are available on the website. The secretary briefly explained the following four (4) bills that are currently going through legislature: 1) HB2157 PSPRS Benefit Computation; Return-to-work; 2) HB2631 PSPRS Local Boards; Duties; Consolidation; 3) SB1329 Defined Contribution Health Subsidy, Disability; and SB1354 Public Retirement prefunding plan. Lastly, she advised personnel changes, to include, the new PSPRS Board of Trustees Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Deputy Administrator, and Local Board Education Manager.

Current Events: The board members had no comments and/or questions.

The secretary advised the local board of an upcoming retirement application. The board members agreed to schedule the next special meeting for May 27, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.



Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board