



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

**November 05, 2019**

Members present: Darren Simmons  
Dave McDowell  
Richard Meraz  
Patricia Ogden

Members absent: Frank Pereda

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, November 05, 2019, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the August 27, 2019 special meeting. Sgt. Meraz motioned to approve the August 27, 2019 minutes as presented. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 3 to 0.

Ms. Patricia Ogden arrived at the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

The board members reviewed Ms. Yolanda Sanders Survivor's Benefit pertaining to the Dependent Child Benefit for Seth Sanders. The board members reviewed the following documents: 1) Satisfactory Academic Progress Evaluation and 2) a copy of Seth's Diploma, which were submitted prior to the meeting by the Sanders Family. The secretary advised the board members that Seth Sanders received his certification/diploma in October 2019 and is no longer considered a full-time student. The secretary read the definition of "Eligible Child" pursuant to Arizona Revised Statute (A.R.S.) 38-842.23 to the board members. She further advised the board of Mr. Seth Sanders' benefit amount. After a brief discussion, Sgt. Meraz motioned to discontinue the dependent child benefit for Seth Sanders, effective November 1, 2019, as he is no longer eligible for the benefit based on the evidence presented. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

New Members: The secretary advised the board members of the new Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) members: Daniel Ibarria, date of hire 09/08/19; Jacob Allen, Omar Lemus, and Christian Serna, their date of hire 09/30/19. Their medical evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical conditions. A letter of pre-existing condition(s) was sent to Daniel Ibarria and Jacob Allen on November 01, 2019. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the new PSPRS members, Daniel Ibarria, Jacob Allen, Omar Lemus, and Christian Serna, and to acknowledge pre-existing conditions. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Current Events: The Secretary advised the board members that there will be an upcoming training for the local board and employer seminar. She advised the members that she would send out the information via e-mail since she didn't have the information with her. Chairman Simmons advised that PSPRS Board of Trustee appointed a new Administrator, who came from Coconino County. The board members commented that hopefully he can improve the retirement programs. The board members had no other comments and/or questions regarding current events.

The next meeting was scheduled for December 11, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board