



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

April 30, 2015

Members present: Greg Ferguson
Dave McDowell
Richard Meraz
Frank Pereda

Members absent: 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 Thursday, April 30, 2015, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the March 11, 2015 quarterly meeting. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business

None

New Business

The local board reviewed the application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) by Mr. Philip Spongross. After a brief discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the Application for Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) by Mr. Spongross, effective May 01, 2015. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Chairman Ferguson provided the local board members a list of active retirees. He advised the members that he received the list from the office of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System in Phoenix, in order for the board to review the list. Chairman Ferguson explained on medical disabilities retirees, once the retiree reaches its normal retirement date (20 years); he/she is no longer required to be re-evaluated by a physician. Medical retirees' who have not reached their normal retirement date (20 years) may be required from the local board to be re-evaluated no more than once in a calendar year. Chairman Ferguson also directed a copy of the list to be provided to the Sheriff's Office for review and to determine if any retirees on the list are deceased. He further explained to the board members that at times the Retirement System is not notified that the retiree is deceased; thus continuing to pay the monthly pension. After a brief discussion, the local board members reviewed the list and determined there was only one disability retiree, Mr. Lykins, who has not met their normal retirement date (20 years). Furthermore, the board did not recognize any of the retirees as being deceased.

The board members reviewed March/April 2015 Issue of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board Newsletter. Chairman Ferguson reminded the board members that the Board of Trustees hired a Public Relations (PR) firm and the PR firm would be creating the newsletters. The board had some questions pertaining to the cost and funding of hiring the PR firm. After a brief discussion, no other comments and/or questions were asked.

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New Members: The secretary advised the board members of the new PSPRS members as of April 24, 2015: Brandon Pike, date of hire 03/22/15. Mr. Pike's medical evaluation was reviewed for pre-existing medical condition(s). He received a letter of pre-existing condition on June 24, 2015. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the new PSPRS member and to acknowledge pre-existing conditions. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Separated Members: The Secretary advised the board members that the following PSPRS member(s) have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff's Office: David Vazquez, date of separation 04/25/15. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve PSPRS members that have separated from service. Sgt. Meraz seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The next quarterly board meeting was scheduled for June 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board