

**TOWN OF SAHUARITA
ARIZONA PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (PSPRS)
SAHUARITA LOCAL POLICE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2016**

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Sahuarita Local Board met in the Town Hall Executive Conference Room on the second floor, 375 West Sahuarita Center Way, Sahuarita, Arizona on Wednesday, November 2, 2016.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Blumberg called the meeting to order at approximately 4:06 p.m.

2. Roll Call

PRESENT: Board Members Scott Downs (arrived at 4:10 p.m.), Matt McGlone, Clark Munger and Chairman Duane Blumberg

ABSENT: Board Member Alexander Droban

ALSO PRESENT: Local Board Attorney Thomas Benavidez and Board Secretary Lisa Cole

Additional Attendees: Michelle Malott, Sahuarita Human Resources Director, Michelle Johnson-Ochoa, Applicant, and Shelly Johnson-Ochoa, Spouse of Applicant

3. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes for Approval – September 29, 2016

MOTION was made by Board Member Munger, seconded by Board Member McGlone to approve the consent agenda. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (Board Members Downs and Droban absent.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

4. Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) and (A)(3) to discuss records exempt by law from public inspection and for legal advice regarding the Catastrophic Disability Retirement Application submitted by Officer Michelle Johnson-Ochoa – continued from the meeting of September 29, 2016.

Chairman Blumberg declared the board convened for Executive Session at 4:08 p.m. The local board members present, Mr. Benavidez, Ms. Cole and Ms. Ochoa and her spouse met in executive session to discuss records exempt by law from public inspection.

Chairman Blumberg reconvened the regular meeting at 5:22 p.m. and invited Ms. Malott, and Ms. Ochoa and her spouse, to join the public meeting.

CONTINUATION OF MEETING

5. Consideration and possible action regarding the Catastrophic Disability Retirement Application submitted by Officer Michelle Johnson-Ochoa – continued from the meeting of September 29, 2016.

Chairman Blumberg invited discussion regarding the Catastrophic Disability Retirement Application submitted by Officer Ochoa-Johnson and hearing none, asked if there was a motion.

MOTION was made by Board Member Munger, seconded by Board Member Downs to deny the catastrophic disability application submitted by Officer Michelle Johnson-Ochoa. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** (Board Member Droban absent.)

Ms. Ochoa inquired about next steps to follow in response to the denial of her disability retirement application. Thomas Benavidez, Local Board Attorney, advised Ms. Ochoa that if she or the PSPRS board of trustees were not in agreement with the decision rendered, either party could request a rehearing before the local board. Additionally, Ms. Ochoa was advised to consult with an attorney for legal advice.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding the State of Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Report on Risk Pooling & Local Board Consolidation (draft) prepared by Cortex Applied Research, Inc.

Chairman Blumberg informed the board of the recommendations set forth in the State of Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Report on Risk Pooling & Local Board Consolidation (draft) prepared by Cortex Applied Research, Inc. which included the pooling of Tier 3 liabilities, creation of a retirement pool, and the consolidation of local boards into smaller boards based on membership size and county location.

Chairman Blumberg responded to questions and engaged the board in meaningful discussion. Board Member Munger referenced an article about a New Jersey Pension and Health Benefit Study Commission's proposal to provide future benefits through a "cash balance" plan. Board Member Munger stressed the importance of finding a solution to address un-funded liabilities within the system to insure benefits are available to future retirees of the system and that the system is financially stable.

The article referenced was distributed to local board members after the meeting.

7. Future Agenda Items

None.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Blumberg adjourned the meeting at approximately 5: 32 p.m.

Duane Blumberg
Chairman

ATTEST:

Lisa Cole, MMC
Secretary to the Board

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Meeting of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board of the Town of Sahuarita held on the 2nd day of November, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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