



The following are the minutes from the PSPRS City of Surprise Local Board – Fire Meeting held at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2019. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Overflow Conference Room.

Call To Order:

Vice-chair Rick Valdez called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

A. Roll Call: Scott Gwaltney, Chairperson & Citizen Board Member –
Absent excused
Don Jeffery, Citizen Board Member – Absent
Jim Conner, Citizen Board Member – Present
Rick Valdez, Vice-Chair & Employee Board Member – Present
Christopher Preest, Employee Board Member – Present

In attendance: Chanda Washington, Board Administrator
Lindsey Steinhoff, Human Resources

B. Pledge of Allegiance: None

C. Current Events and Reports: None

D. Staff Reports: Ms. Washington introduced our new board member Jim Conner who was voted in last week by City Council after being appointment by Mayor Hall and approved by City Council. Ms. Washington explained Chair Gwaltney is excused for today's meeting. Ms. Washington let the board know, we will need a meeting next month as they have someone who wants to go into the DROP program. Our meeting will be on March 13th at 9am.

Call to the Public: None

Consent Agenda:

#1. Discussion and action pertaining to the approval of PSPRS Local Board - Fire January 9, 2019 Meeting Minutes. **-Approved**

Motion: Preest
Second: Conner
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- absent excused
Don Jeffrey- absent
Jim Conner- abstain
Rick Valdez- voted yes
Christopher Preest- voted yes



Regular Agenda:

- #2.** Consideration and action pertaining to acceptance of one (1) new Firefighter into the PSPRS System as follows: Luis H. Garcia, effective 10/08/2018 with pre-existing conditions- **Approved**

Motion: Preest
Second: Conner
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- absent excused
Don Jeffrey- absent
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- voted yes
Christopher Preest- voted yes

- #3.** Consideration and action pertaining to the acceptance of the amended PSPRS membership date for four (4) Firefighters into the PSPRS System. - **Approved**

Ms. Washington reported during an audit there were 4 employees identified as having a start date with the City of Surprise as January 4, 2006 and their PSPRS enrollment date was January 9, 2006. The differences in dates was due to a clerical error. The City of Surprise is now coming back to the board to have the PSPRS membership dates amended to January 4, 2006. Ms. Washington reported the forms to update the date have already been completed by the employees and sent to PSPRS for processing.

Mr. Preest asked if PSPRS indicated there was a problem with processing this change. Ms. Washington said we have not heard back from PSPRS on a status of the forms. Mr. Preest asked if all members were ok with the membership date change and Ms. Washington said they all were.

Mr. Conner moved to approve the acceptance of the amended PSPRS membership date for four (4) Firefighters into the PSPRS System as follows:

Douglas Richards, effective 1/4/2006
Kevin Johnston, effective 1/4/2006
Melissa R. King, effective 1/4/2006
Steven Spirlong, effective 1/4/2006

Motion: Conner
Second: Preest
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- absent excused
Don Jeffrey- absent
Jim Conner- voted yes
Rick Valdez- voted yes



Christopher Preest- voted yes

#4. Consideration and action pertaining to placing items on future agenda.

Mr. Preest asked if we had any more information on buy backs or tier 1b DROP changes. Ms. Washington let him know we have not received any further information from PSPRS regarding the refunds.

None of the board members wish to add anything to the next agenda at this time.

#5. Executive Session: Consideration and action to enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03 (A) (2) and (3) for consideration or discussion of material deemed confidential by law and/or discussion or consultation for legal advice with the board attorney regarding the local board procedures.

Adjournment:

Board Member Christopher Preest made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

– **Approved**

Motion: Preest
Second: Conner
Opposed: None

Scott Gwaltney- absent excused
Don Jeffrey- absent
Jim Conner- abstain
Rick Valdez- voted yes
Christopher Preest- voted yes

Scott Gwaltney, Chairperson, Board Member – Citizen

Donald Jeffery, Board Member – Citizen

Jim Conner, Board Member – Citizen

Rick Valdez, Vice-Chairperson, Board Member – Fire Dept.

Christopher Preest, Board Member – Fire Dept.

Chanda Washington, Board Secretary