



The following are the minutes from the PSPRS City of Surprise Local Board – Fire Meeting held at 10:00 am Wednesday, December 11, 2019. The meeting was held in City Hall, Council Overflow Conference Room.

A. Call To Order:

Chair Hall called the meeting to order at 10:19 a.m.

B. Roll Call: Skip Hall, Chairperson & Citizen Board Member – Present
Chandler Brown, Citizen Board Member – Present
Jim Conner, Citizen Board Member – Present
Rick Valdez, Employee Board Member – Fire Dept. – Present
Chris Preest, Employee Board Member- Fire Dept. – Present

In attendance: Kirsten Riege, Interim Board Secretary
Carrie O'Brien, Board Attorney

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Completed

D. Current Events Reports: None

E. Staff Reports: None

F. Call to the Public: None

Consent Agenda:

#1. Discussion and action pertaining to approval of PSPRS Local Board - Fire November 13, 2019 meeting minutes. - **Approved**

Motion: Conner
Second: Preest
Opposed: None

Skip Hall - voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Chandler Brown - abstained
Chris Preest - voted yes
Rick Valdez - voted yes

Mr. Preest noted that the letterhead for the November 13, 2019 meeting minutes listed Police instead of Fire in the header. Mrs. Riege confirmed the correction had been made on the final copy of the minutes.

Regular Agenda:

#2. Consideration and action pertaining to a vote to appoint Kirsten Riege as Board Secretary. – **Tabled**



Mr. Preest opened discussion about the motion to approve Mrs. Riege as the Board secretary pending the review and comparison of State statute to local Board bylaws.

Mr. Preest made a motion to table the selection of Kirsten Riege as the Local Board Secretary until a later date.

Motion: Preest
Second: Valdez
Opposed: One

Skip Hall - voted yes
Chandler Brown - voted yes
Jim Conner - voted nay
Chris Preest - voted yes
Rick Valdez - voted yes

#3. Other Business –

Mr. Valdez requested items be added to the agenda for the December 19, 2019 Local Fire and Police Joint Board meeting. The agenda items are as follows;

- The removal of previous board member Don Jeffrey
- Conflict of interest of Jim Conner
- The removal of previous Chair Scott Gwaltney
- Developing a vetting process for the selection of board counsel and board secretary positions

Mr. Preest approved the agenda items requested by Mr. Valdez.

Chair Hall encouraged Mrs. Riege to be prepared to speak to the rationale of an HR representative to act as the secretary of the Board.

Mr. Conner confirmed that the schedule for the December 19, 2019 local Police and Fire Board meeting is as follows;

- Joint PSPRS Local Fire and Police Board meeting to begin at 9:00 am
- Local PSPRS Fire meeting to begin at 10:00 am
- Local PSPRS Police to begin at 10:30 am

Mr. Preest confirmed the following agenda items for the Joint PSPRS Local Fire and Police Board meeting.

- Review and comparison of State statute and local Board bylaws
- Establishing a vetting system for selecting personnel for the Board Secretary and Legal Counsel positions
- Chairman's statement to the Board



Ms. O'Brien stated that the agenda items related to the removal of Don Jeffrey and Scott Gwaltney may be governed by State statute and may be addressed in the joint meeting.

Chair Hall confirmed that the Fire and Police board members are elected by their peers. Mr. Preest asked how the community members of the board are assigned. Ms. O'Brien believes that per State statute that the Mayor or a designee serves as the Chair and that there are one or two citizen representatives. The citizen representatives are approved by City Council.

#4. Adjournment:

Mr. Valdez made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. – **Approved**

Motion: Valdez
Second: Brown
Opposed: None

Skip Hall - voted yes
Jim Conner- voted yes
Chandler Brown - voted yes
Rick Valdez - voted yes
Chris Preest - voted yes



Skip Hall, Chairperson



Chandler Brown, Board Member - Citizen



Jim Conner, Board Member - Citizen



Rick Valdez, Board Member - Fire Dept.



Chris Preest, Board Member - Fire Dept.



Kirsten Riege, Interim Board Secretary