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PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL BOARD

Minutes of Meeting: May 18, 2023, 8:30am Approved September 21, 2023

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Acosta at 8:40am. Board Members (BM) present were Nick Brening, Jose Huerta, Chairman Jim McNulty, and Secretary Tina Acosta.

Additionally, OFD PSPRS attorney Andrew Apodaca, Esq. was present, as well as Asst. Chief Brian McGinnis.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC No public.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Chairman McNulty made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on October 27, 2022. This was seconded by BM Brening. All were in favor. Motion passed.

- 5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOGNIZE NEW OFD PSPRS MEMBER BRIAN MCGINNIS, WHO WAS PROMOTED TO FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT STATUS AS OF DECEMBER 20, 2022. ASST. CHIEF MCGINNIS WAS ALREADY A TIER 1 MEMBER THROUGH THE PINAL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND, CONSEQUENTLY, CONTINUED TO PROVIDE THE SAME CONTRIBUTIONS OF 7.65%, AS OF HIS FIRST FULL-TIME PAYCHECK WITH OFD, AS BEFORE WITH PCSO, AND AS OTHER TIER 1 OFD MEMBERS BM Brening motioned to approve the lateral move of the Tier 1 PSPRS membership for Brian McGinnis, from PCSO to OFD. This motion was seconded by BM Huerta. All were in favor. Motion passed.
- 6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOGNIZE NEW PSPRS MEMBERS ALAN LOPEZ AND MICHAEL VARGAS, WHO WILL BE TIER 3 MEMBERS WITH CONTRIBUTIONS TO START ON NOVEMBER 13, 2022 FOR ALAN LOPEZ AND NOVEMBER 6, 2022 FOR MICHAEL VARGAS AND TO ACCEPT THE MEDICAL EXAMINER'S DETERMINATION OF FITNESS.

BM Huerta motioned to recognize Alan Lopez and Michael Vargas as new full-time firefighters and employees of the Oracle Fire District and, therefore, as OFD PSPRS members. This motion was seconded by BM Brening. All were in favor. Motion passed.





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BM Brening motioned to table discussion and possible action to accept the medical examiner's determination of fitness and pre-existing conditions until a later meeting, to allow time to provide a 30-day notice to each employee. This motion was seconded by BM Elder. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO RECOGNIZE THE DEPARTURE OF PREVIOUS OFD PSPRS MEMBERS PAUL FARRELL AND JACOB HARWARD.

BM Nelson motioned to recognize the voluntary departure of Paul Farrell, on August 3, 2022, who was hired full-time with OFD in 2008 and promoted from Firefighter/EMT to Captain, as well as acquired the difficult to obtain Engine Boss certification for wildland assignments. Captain Farrell's dedication of 14 years to the community of Oracle is duly recognized and sorely missed. The motion also included recognition of the voluntary departure of Jacob Harward, on July 9, 2022, who was hired as a Reserve (part-time) Firefighter/EMT one year ago and recently promoted to a full-time position.

These motions were seconded by BM Brening. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Much appreciation was vocalized for the hard work and dedication of each of these Firefighters.

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PSPRS ACTUARIAL REPORT FOR FY 20/21.

BM Brening motioned to accept the report, which was seconded by BM Elder. All were in favor. Motion passed.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

BM Elder made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by BM Brening. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tina Acosta - Admin. Manager/HR, PSPRS Local Board Secretary, Oracle Fire District

