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PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL BOARD
Minutes of Meeting: October 27, 2022, 8am
Approved May 18, 2023

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Secretary Acosta at 8:26am. Board Members (BM) present were Bob Elder, Tom Nelson, Nick Brening, Jose Huerta, and Secretary Tina Acosta.

Additionally, OFD PSPRS attorney Andrew Apodaca, Esq. was present.

3. CALL TO THE PUBLIC
No public.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
BM Brening made a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on May 20, 2022. This was seconded by BM Nelson. All were in favor. Motion passed.

5. OATH OF OFFICE / RECOGNITION OF NEWLY APPOINTED OFD PSPRS LOCAL BOARD (LB) MEMBERS AND DISCUSSION REGARDING MANDATORY TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PSPRS LB, PER HB 2381.
The Oath of Office for newly elected LB member Jose Huerta was administered and signed compliance forms for LB training were gathered, to be emailed into PSPRS.

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.

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.

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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