

Minutes

Tempe Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

May 1, 2025

Minutes of the Tempe Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board meeting hosted virtually via Cisco WebEx and in person at the Human Resources Conference Room located at 20 E. 6th Street Tempe, AZ 85281 on Thursday May 1, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present (via Webex):

Andy Arredondo
Bill Munch
Mike Scheidt

Board Members Present (in person):

Keith Burke
Kyle Carman

Board Members Absent:

City Staff Present (via Webex):

Rebecca Strisko, HR Director
Nichole Gonzalez, Workers Comp. Specialist

City Staff Present (in person):

Sarah Jenkins, Management Assistant II
Tammy Milhon, HR Specialist
Matt Quick, HR Specialist

Legal Counsel Present (in person):

Lesli Sorensen

Chair Keith Burke called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

1. Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mike Scheidt to approve the March 6, 2025 Fire PSPRS Board Meeting Minutes and the March 6, 2025 Fire PSPRS Board Meeting Executive Session Minutes; second by Kyle Carman. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Carman, Munch and Scheidt

Nays: None

Absent: None

2. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary

Motion by Kyle Carman to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's Legal Counsel and to discuss confidential records by law; second by Mike Scheidt. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Carman, Munch and Scheidt

Nays: None

Absent: None

The Board adjourned to Executive Session at 2:06 p.m. The Board reconvened at 2:29 p.m.

3. Status Update on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits for Matthew Rush

Chair Burke asked acting Board Secretary Tammy Milhon to address this item. Ms. Milhon said that at the January 9, 2025 meeting, the Board approved moving Matthew Rush forward to an IME pending the receipt of additional documentation from Mr. Rush. The IME took place on April 30, 2025 and the results will be submitted to the Board for consideration once staff have received it. There was no further discussion.

4. Hearing of the Application for a Line of Duty Death for Scott Leatham (continued from March 6, 2025)

Chair Burke said that this is a continuation of the hearing on the application for a line of duty death for Scott Leatham. At the March 6, 2025 meeting the Board accepted the application and directed that the records be sent for an Independent Medical Exam. The results of the review have been received and were included in the Board's packet. At today's hearing the Board must determine whether the documentation submitted is sufficient to make a determination on the application.

Motion by Kyle Carman to approve the application for a Line of Duty Death for Scott Leatham. The Board notes that there are conflicts in the Board's IME report and the record, but they were resolved in favor of the applicant based on the totality of the medical records and the understanding that the city has approved the line of duty death. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Carman, Munch and Scheidt
Nays: None
Absent: None

5. Future Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for June 5, 2025.

6. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items discussed.

7. Public Appearances

There were no public appearances.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Kyle Carman; second by Andy Arredondo. Motion passed on a voice vote 5-0.

Ayes: Chair Burke; Boardmembers Arredondo, Carman, Munch and Scheidt
Nays: None
Absent: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Kathleen Broman

Kathleen Broman (Aug 7, 2025 16:08:22 PDT)

Kathleen Broman, Local Board Secretary