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**Tucson Police and Fire PSPRS Boards  
Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.  
Fire Central, Room 262, Tucson Fire Department  
300 S. Fire Central Place, Tucson, AZ**

**LEGAL ACTION REPORT**

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

The Public Safety Personnel Retirement System and the Board of Trustees are committed to helping slow the spread of COVID-19. Following the recommendations from the Center for Diseases Control and Prevention (CDC), to avoid gatherings of 10 or more people, as well as federal and state emergency declarations related to COVID-19, *physical attendance at the meeting held in Fire Central Room 262 was limited to members of the Tucson Police and Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards and necessary staff only. Some members of the Boards attended remotely, through technological means.*

**MEETING NOTE:** This meeting was conducted using measures to protect public health. It was held remotely through technological means, as permitted under Arizona law. Specifically, a conference call bridge was established so that members of the public could access the meeting via telephone.

**Access to the meeting by telephone was provided through the Microsoft Teams conference call bridge, by dialing (213) 293-2303 then entering access code 365 839 968#.**

Members of the public were encouraged NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON but instead to access the meeting via telephone using the conference call bridge.

Public access to the meeting in Fire Central Room 262 was restricted in order to prevent a large or close gathering of the members of the public and to promote social distancing.

Again, in recognition of the current public health emergency, members of the public were encouraged NOT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON but instead to access the meeting via telephone by dialing the Microsoft Teams conference call bridge at (213) 293-2303 then entering access code 365 839 968#.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THESE MEASURES WERE IN PLACE TO LIMIT THE NEED FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO PARTICIPATE IN A LARGE PUBLIC GATHERING, WHILE ENSURING THAT THE DISCUSSIONS, DELIBERATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE TUCSON POLICE AND FIRE PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARDS WERE TRANSPARENT AND CONDUCTED OPENLY.**

Vice-Chair Palomares called the Tucson Police and Tucson Fire PSPRS Board meetings to order at 9:06 a.m.

## 1. ROLL CALL

### Police Board Members:

Regina Romero - Chair  
 Thomas Palomares - Member  
 Ana Urquijo - Member  
 Mickey Petersen - Member  
 Rob Brandt - Member

### Fire Board Members:

Regina Romero - Chair  
 Thomas Palomares - Member  
 Ana Urquijo - Member  
 Nathan Weber - Member  
 Jason Adler - Member

A Police Board quorum was established with Mayor Romero and Ms. Urquijo absent/excused. Mr. Petersen and Mr. Palomares attended remotely. Mr. Brandt attended in person.

A Fire Board quorum was established with Mayor Romero and Ms. Urquijo absent/excused. Mr. Weber, Mr. Adler, and Mr. Palomares attended remotely.

## 2. POLICE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – E

### A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – July 2, 2020

### B. PENSION PAYROLL – Additions and deletions to benefits

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>LDW</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>	<u>Ben Amount</u>
Johnston, James	NSR	07/08/2020	08/01/2020	\$ 3,967.50
Johnson, Carla	NSR out of DROP	07/31/2020	08/01/2020	\$ 8,879.62
May, Stephanie	ADR	07/30/2020	08/01/2020	\$ 2,901.26
Berube, Sean	NSR	07/31/2020	08/01/2020	\$ 4,466.09

### C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Brandt, Robert	25.065	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Schwenn, Edmund	25.180	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Wilson, Steven	21.270	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Carson Jr., Baron	22.382	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Guinee III, Alfred	20.082	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Berg, Valerie	20.082	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Hall, Kevin	32.000	07/31/2020	08/01/2020

### D. REDEMPTION, TRANSFER OR PURCHASE OF SERVICE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Type / From</u>
Berube, Sean	5.000	\$ 134,430.00	Redemption/Military

**E. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
McEvoy, Daniels, Darcy	August Retainer	08/06/2020	\$ 400.00	DA-23
Sunnyside Medicenter	Ann. Disability eval.	06/18/2020	\$ 400.00	DA-23

**Motion** by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Petersen, that Police Items A-E are adopted as written. Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 3-0.

**3. FIRE CONSENT AGENDA: ITEMS A – D****A. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – July 2 2020****B. PENSION PAYROLL – Additions and deletions to benefits**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Transaction Type</u>	<u>LDW</u>	<u>Eff Date</u>	<u>Ben Amount</u>
Crump, Eric	NSR out of DROP	07/20/2020	08/01/2020	\$ 5,855.36
Sepulveda, Daniel	Death	07/01/2020	08/01/2020	(\$ 4,944.22)
Scionti, Stephen	NSR out of DROP	07/31/2020	08/01/2020	\$ 4,867.62

**C. ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN DROP**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Yrs of Srv</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Bishop, Michael	25.012	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Phaneuf, Ariane	20.657	07/31/2020	08/01/2020
Welanders, Brett	21.689	07/31/2020	08/01/2020

**D. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES**

<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Method</u>
McEvoy, Daniels, Darcy	August Retainer	08/06/2020	\$ 400.00	DA-23

**Motion** by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Adler, that Fire Items A-D are adopted as written. Motion **CARRIED** by a roll call vote of 3-0.

Prior to discussion of Item 4, Mr. Brandt asked about entering Executive Session as he had some questions.

Mr. Weber then commented that Item 6 should also be discussed in Executive Session.

**Motion** by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Palomares, that the Police Board enter **Executive Session** for discussion of the Accidental Disability retirement application for Mr. Flores (Item 4). Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

**Motion** by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Palomares, that the Fire Board enter **Executive Session** for discussion of the line of duty death for Ms. deHaro and the surviving spouse pension benefit for Ms. Baker (Item 6). Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

***ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION***

***RETURN TO OPEN SESSION***

**4. APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY PENSION**

**Police** - Attachments

<b>Name</b>	<b>LDW:</b>	<b>Eff Date:</b>	<b>Application Type</b>
Flores, Anthony	N/A	N/A	Accidental

**Motion** made by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Brandt, to refer Mr. Flores for an independent medical evaluation in connection with his disability application. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

**5. ANNUAL DISABILITY PHYSICAL – REQUIREMENT\***

**Police**

<b>Name</b>	<b>DOM:</b>	<b>DOR:</b>	<b>Last Exam</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Salgado, Tina	04/09/2000	03/29/2013	12/05/2019	Ordinary	04/09/2020
Summers, Bret	07/02/2000	04/28/2005	09/20/2019	Accidental	07/02/2020
Boyen, Edward	07/02/2000	11/28/2016	11/16/2018	Accidental	07/02/2020
Dickinson, Jobe	08/27/2000	05/17/2019	04/08/2019	Accidental	08/26/2020

\*Member no longer subject to audit. Board action to discontinue evaluations.

**Motion** made by Mr. Brandt, seconded by Mr. Palomares, that Mr. Salgado, Mr. Summers, Mr. Boyen and Mr. Dickinson are no longer subject to medical audit and require no further reviews. Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

*Note: They have all reached the point at which they would have had 20 years of service.*

**6. LINE OF DUTY DEATH FOR FIRE- Attachments**

Jacki deHaro- DOD 06/13/2020, Surviving spouse Laura Baker

**Motion** made by Mr. Weber that the Fire Board approve Ms. deHaro’s passing as a line of duty death and approve the corresponding survivor benefits for her spouse, Ms. Baker. Mr. Weber cited the following:

1. Ms. deHaro was diagnosed with a non-small cell lung cancer known as adenocarcinoma, a presumptive work related cancer in Arizona
2. Ms. deHaro workers compensation claim for the work related cancer was approved

3. Ms. deHaro had no choice but to apply for an Accidental Disability benefit, which was awarded, because she could no longer continue with her employment while undergoing her cancer treatments
4. Tucson Fire Chief, Chuck Ryan, designated and announced Ms. deHaro's passing as an official line of duty death
5. The International Association of Fire Fighters presented the Martin E. Pierce award to Ms. deHaro which is reserved only for those that incur a line of duty death
6. Ms. deHaro passed away on June 13, 2020 due to her battle with the cancer
7. Ms. Baker's application for workers compensation survivor benefits was approved by the Industrial Commission
8. Ms. deHaro and Ms. Baker were married when Ms. deHaro was an active employee of the Tucson Fire Department

Mr. Weber noted that this was to be effective as of Ms. deHaro's June 13, 2020 date of death.

Mr. Adler seconded the motion.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

**Motion** made by Mr. Weber, seconded by Mr. Adler, that Ms. Baker be added to PSPRS pension payroll with a line of duty death survivor benefit.

Motion **CARRIED** unanimously.

## 7. FUND/OFFICE INFORMATION

- Staffing
- Miscellaneous / Other

*No action taken on the items immediately above – discussion only*

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Tucson Police and Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Boards is scheduled for **9:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, September 3, 2020** in Fire Central **Room 121**, Tucson Fire Department, 300 S. Fire Central Place, Tucson, AZ.