

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF
THE CASA GRANDE FIRE PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD
HELD IN CITY HALL, CONFERENCE ROOM (TOP FLOOR-2),
510 E. FLORENCE BOULEVARD, CASA GRANDE AZ 85122
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015 – 9:00 A.M.**

A. Call to Order

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

B. Roll Call

The following members were present:

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| Jeremy Bryant | Firefighter/Member |
| Frank Ricci | Firefighter/Member |
| Remilie S. Miller | City Clerk/Board Secretary |
| Robert Jackson | Mayor/Chairman |

The following member was excused:

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| Mark Bonsall | Member |
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Also present:

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| Dawn Jett | Human Resources Director |
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C. Minutes:

C.1 Special Meeting – October 6, 2014

Member Bryant moved to approve the minutes of October 6, 2014, meeting of the Casa Grande Fire Personnel Retirement Board. Member Ricci seconded the motion and was carried unanimously.

D. Special Business:

D.1 Review and Accept the June 30, 2014 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report for Casa Grande Fire Department

Secretary Miller provided the agenda packet for the Board Member's review, including a copy of Casa Grande Fire Department's June 30, 2014 Annual Actuarial Valuation Report prepared by Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company on behalf of the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System.

Member Ricci moved to accept the June 30, 2014, Casa Grande Fire Department Local Pension Board's Annual Actuarial Valuation submitted by the Arizona Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Member Bryant seconded the motion and was carried with 4-0 voice vote.

D.2 Discussion and Consider Amending the Local Board Process for Reviewing and Accepting Firefighter Trainee/Recruit Enrollment to Public Safety Personnel Retirement System

The Board discussed the process of reviewing and accepting Firefighter Trainee/Recruit enrollment to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS). Currently, the Board accepts enrollment of firefighter recruits to PSPRS before the firefighter starts the academy. Firefighter Trainee/Recruit starts contribution to PSPRS while attending the academy.

Mayor Jackson explained that the Police Personnel Retirement Board recently changed their process and would like for the Fire Personnel Retirement Board to consider changing the process of approving enrollment to PSPRS after successful completion of the firefighter trainee/recruit from the Fire Training Academy.

Human Resources Director Dawn Jett was present to assist and answer any questions from the Board pertaining to their process for reviewing and accepting the public safety employee's enrollment to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

Dawn Jett, Human Resources Director referenced the Arizona Revised Statute 38-842, page 4 and highlighted #27... ***"Employee" means any person who is employed by a participating employer and who is a member of an eligible group but does not include any persons compensated on a contractual or fee basis. If an eligible group requires certified peace officer status or fire fighter certification and at the option of the local board, employee may include a person who is training to become a certified peace officer or fire fighter.***

Director Jett stated that based on the statute, it would be the decision of the local board to change the process for reviewing and accepting the public safety employee's enrollment to the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS).

Further, Director Jett explained that the City is not required to provide other alternative contributions to Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) while the employee is in the academy (16 weeks).

Member Ricci conveyed that the difference between a firefighter and police officer is the Arizona Post Certification process required for a police officer. A firefighter is not required to be certified; however their skills will be validated to successfully complete the fire academy.

Member Bryant expressed concern that if the employee was hurt or died while attending the training academy, the employee and/or their survivors will not get any benefits if they are not enrolled members or contributing member to PSPRS.

Director Jett conveyed that employees who are attending the training academy will be covered from City's other insurance benefit should something happen to them during the training.

It was the consensus of the Board for Secretary Miller to research clarification if the employee (Firefighter Trainee and Recruit) would have a different type of death benefit from PSPRS.

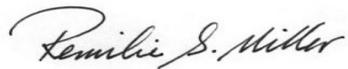
E. Miscellaneous: None

F. Public Comments:

Chairman Jackson called for public comments. No comments were offered.

G. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



Remilie S. Miller, MMC
Board Secretary