

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
POLICE PENSION BOARD MEETING
July 30, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gregory Johnson called the regular meeting of the City of Sierra Vista Police Pension Board to order on July 30, 2024, at 1:30 p.m., in the City Manager Conference Room, City Hall, 1011 N. Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona.

ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilperson Gregory Johnson, Chairman
Gary L. Smith, Board Member
John Andela, Police Department Board Member
Jessica Ferrel, Police Department Board Member
Victoria Yarbrough, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachella Westbrook, Department Specialist, City Manager's
Department

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Smith motioned that the agenda be accepted as written.

Ms. Ferrel seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried by unanimous vote 5 to 0.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Board vote to appoint Victoria Yarbrough as Secretary to The Police Pension Board to complete Barbara Fleming's term to August 1, 2024.

Ms. Ferrel motioned that Victoria Yarbrough be appointed.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried by unanimous vote 5 to 0.

2. Board will vote to reappoint Victoria Yarbrough as a member to the Police Pension Board, with her term ending August 1, 2028.

Mr. Andela motioned that Victoria Yarbrough be appointed.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried by unanimous vote 5 to 0.

3. Board will vote to reappoint Victoria Yarbrough as Secretary to the Police Pension Board, with her term ending August 1, 2028.

Ms. Ferrel motioned that Victoria Yarbrough be appointed.

Mr. Andela seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried by unanimous vote 5 to 0.

4. Board will vote to reappoint Gary Smith as a member to the Police Pension Board, with his term ending August 1, 2028.

Ms. Yarbrough motioned that Gary Smith be appointed.

Ms. Ferrel seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: The motion carried by unanimous vote 5 to 0.

REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Smith asked if there are any physicals or pre-existing conditions to approve, disapprove, retirements? Victoria explained yes there are quite a few of them so expect another meeting soon. Mr. Johnson commented that it's been a while and has noticed a lot of new hires in the Police Department. Mr. Yarbrough explained that she has been signing off on the new hires as Acting Secretary but commented on the urgency of the next meeting needed but wanted to get the admin meeting out of the way. Mr. Johnson asked for clarification on statutory requirement to meet and

Mr. Smith confirmed it was two a year. Mr. Andela commented that they are not split up like a non-specific number of months in between. Mr. Smith commented the last meeting was in November 2023 with further discussion that the administrative meeting was good timing.

Ms. Ferrel asked if there were any updates on the Jock Russell case as she heard it was moving up. Mr. Johnson mentioned he has heard nothing regarding the case. Ms. Ferrel and Mr. Johnson both confirmed there has been no notification from lawyers or anything.

Mr. Johnson mentioned he has an inquiry of “Denels boy” who was present with his family but it was a Fire Fighter case. Mr. Smith confirmed it was Fire. Mr. Johnson was concerned as he has made a number of recommendations to him that needed to be fulfilled before they can consider an independent medical examiner.

Mr. Andela said he hadn’t heard anything regarding the case and asked for clarification if it was being reversed. Ms. Ferrel said decision was overturned and Mr. Andela asked if it was giving the pension was overturned and Ms. Ferrel clarified the decision was the original decision and that it was in the court of appeals and some concern about action taken against the board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gregory Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m.

Victoria Yarbrough, Local Board Secretary