

CITY OF SIERRA VISTA
FIRE PENSION BOARD MEETING
August 25, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gregory Johnson called the regular meeting of the City of Sierra Vista Fire Pension Board to order on August 25, 2023, 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
Barbara L. Fleming, Secretary
Gary L. Smith, Board Member
Shawn Mott, Fire Captain
Christopher Klasen, Fire Engineer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Shanna Melanson, Human Resources Analyst
Lesli Sorensen, Local Board Attorney (via Teams)
Ryan N. Dannels, Applicant

PRESENT ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT Mark Dannels (Father)
Nickie Dannels (Mother)
Justin Dannels (Brother)
Bridgett Dannels (Ex-Wife)
Brian Jones (Fire Chief)
Bradley Dever (Deputy Fire Chief)
Justin Wright (Fire Battalion Chief)
Adam Saathoff (Fire Captain)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Gary L. Smith motioned that the agenda be accepted as written.

Shawn Mott seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Disability Application of Ryan N. Dannels.

At 1:35, Chairman Johnson motioned that the Board go into Executive Session.

Shawn Mott seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

At 2:16, Gary L. Smith motioned that the Board come out of Executive Session.

Christopher Klasen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

1. **Presentation, Discussion, and Possible Action on the Disability Application of Ryan N. Dannels.**

Chairman Johnson stated that in Executive Session, the Board and the Local Board Attorney Lesli Sorensen discussed with Mr. Dannels, who had his ex-wife with him, that at this time, the medical records needed for the Board to order an IME are not complete. He stated the Board did not have all the medical records required and that the Board went over with Mr. Dannels what he needed to provide. Chairman Johnson requested a motion to table the application until the records are received.

Gary L. Smith motioned that the Board table the application for an accidental disability retirement until they receive the records as requested.

Christopher Klasen seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

2. **Physical Examinations**

Secretary Barbara L. Fleming advised the board that the physical examination pre-existing reports for Philip Wechsler, Xavier Romo, Trevor Sheffield, Varick Williams, Michelle Speer, Brandon Follrich, and Maryanna Barnes needed to be acknowledged.

Chairman Johnson motioned that Philip Wechsler's pre-existing condition report dated March 02, 2022 containing no pre-existing conditions, Xavier Romo's pre-existing condition report dated January 05, 2022 containing no pre-existing conditions, Trevor Sheffield's pre-existing condition report dated March 09, 2022 containing a pre-existing condition, Varick Williams pre-existing condition report dated August 31, 2022 containing a pre-existing condition, Michelle Speer's pre-existing condition report dated September 01, 2022 containing pre-existing conditions, Brandon Follrich's pre-existing condition report dated February 16, 2023 containing no pre-existing conditions, and Maryanna Barnes' pre-existing condition report dated December 22, 2022 containing no pre-existing conditions be acknowledged and the memberships to PSPRS be approved effective August 25, 2023.

Shawn Mott seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous.

The motion carried.

REQUESTS OF THE BOARD

Shawn Mott requested an updated session for Local Board training regarding the Board's responsibilities and the differences in the PSPRS disability retirement options. Gary L. Smith stated that it would be good for the Police Local Board as well as he serves on both. Ms. Fleming stated that she would work on getting one scheduled. Attorney Sorensen told the Board that PSPRS has training videos that are a requirement to watch and that they can watch those together and she can make comments and discuss after each one and answer any questions the Board members have. Mr. Klasen stated he had trouble logging into the PSPRS website as a Board member. Ms. Fleming asked if he had put in a help ticket with PSPRS and Mr. Klasen said yes but they don't respond. Ms. Fleming stated the City of Sierra Vista has no control over that; that PSPRS has the Local Board roster of members. Ms. Sorensen stated she doesn't have a log in to the Local Board site and that the videos are on the PSPRS public site. She also stated most of the videos are on their YouTube channel and you don't have to log in to see those.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gregory Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Barbara L. Fleming, Local Board Secretary