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The Public Safety Retirement Board of Pima County, Arizona met in session on the 2nd floor conference room at 1750 E Benson Highway, Tucson, AZ at 8:30 a.m. September 6th, 2023.

VOTING MEMEBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Nicholas McCullough
Mr. Leo Duffner
Mr. Michael Hellon – Telephonically
Lt. Costaki Manoleas – Telephonically
Sgt. Hans Goritz

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Attorney: Ms. Steve Bosse
Secretary: Robin Jobst
Asst. Secretary: Patty Aron
Deputy Adrian Ruiz
Mr. Gabe Ruiz
Ms. Gloria Ruiz
Ms. Erica Ruiz

Mr. McCullough, chair of the board convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Item 1 on the agenda was roll call. Attendance as listed above with Mr. Hellon and Lt. Manoleas appearing telephonically.

Item 2 on the agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3 on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the meeting held on 07/05/23. Sgt. Goritz motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Duffner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the Application for Membership for James Hanover III, Jesus Rodriguez and Keanu Zacarias with an effective date of 07/13/23. Mr. Duffner moved to approve the application. Seconded by Sgt. Goritz. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 on the agenda was an update action regarding the Application for Accidental Disability for Eduardo Toral. Ms. Jobst informed the Board that Mr. Toral submitted his application at the end of March 2023 and action should have been taken on the application within 90 days. No doctors' reports have been submitted or are available at this time. Mr. Bosse suggested that the

Board table and request records a third time. Sgt. Gortiz commented that Mr. Toral is working full-time and on regular duty. Mr. Bosse informed the Board that they have two options, to send for an IME or reject based on the employee working full duty. Ms. Jobst completed the questionnaire with the Board. Mr. Duffner moved to deny the application with the employee working full duty. Sgt. Goritz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 on the agenda was discussion and possible action for the Application for Accidental Disability for Adrian Ruiz. Mr. Bosse confirmed that everyone on the Board received copies of the IME report. Sgt Goritz requested and moved that the Board meet in executive session. Mr. Duffner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting recessed for Executive Session at 8:38 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:53 a.m.

Mr. Duffner asked if Mr. Ruiz would like to speak to the Board. Mr. Ruiz told the Board that he never intended to medically retire and enjoys being a Deputy, and time with the Department. He discussed how emotional the decision was for him and his family and apologized. Mr. Duffner moved to adopt Dr. Johnson's IME report, pages 8-10, with his opinion and discussion as a finding of fact. Sgt. Goritz moved to second the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffner moved to approve Mr. Ruiz's application based on Dr. Johnson's report. Sgt. Goritz seconded the motion. The application was approved with a 4-1 vote, with Mr. Hellon voting against.

Item 7 on the agenda was other board business. There was none.

Item 8 was the call to the public. There was none.

Mr. Duffner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sgt. Goritz. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.



Robin Jobst
Secretary