

CITY OF DOUGLAS LOCAL PENSION BOARD – FIRE
MEETING MINUTES
August 15, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Frank Stevens called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. in the HR Training Room and by zoom at City Hall, 425 10th Street, Douglas, Arizona.

2. INFORMATION:

Rocio Garcia-Pedroza provided information on new members and reelections. Mr. Frank Stevens was appointed by Mayor and Council for another 4 years. Matthew King was elected by the members to serve another 4 years and Oscar Elias was voted by the members to continue with the term Joseph Alvarez left when he retired. Ms. Garcia-Pedroza informed them of the new training requirements, which must be completed within 180 days of appointment or election.

3. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Frank Stevens, Matthew King, Oscar Elias, Mark Wilkinson

Members Absent: Margaret Morales

Others Present: Jairo Lopez (Applicant), Rocio Garcia-Pedroza (Board Secretary), Andrew Apodaca (Board Attorney)

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13, 2021.

Frank Stevens moved to approve the meeting minutes from December 13, 2021. Matthew King seconded the motion.

No discussion was made. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mr. Jairo Lopez was provided the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Lopez was brief and indicated this was an unfortunate situation and not a place he would have chosen to be.

5. PURSUANT TO A.R.S. §38-431.03, (A)(3), THE BOARD MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION OR CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY, ANDREW APODACA, REGARDING ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA. *Executive Sessions, for the purpose of obtaining Legal Advice and/or Confidential Medical Review from our PSPRS Attorney, if needed, are confidential under Arizona law.*

Motion by Matthew King, second by Frank Stevens, to enter into an executive session for legal advice and confidential medical review, at 4:13pm. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Frank Stevens, second by Matthew King to adjourn the executive session. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Open Session reconvened from executive session, at 4:45pm.

6. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR DISABILITY RETIREMENT SUBMITTED BY JAIRO LOPEZ INCLUDING POSSIBLE DISCUSSION/DECISION TO DESIGNATE A MEDICAL BOARD UNDER ARS 38-859 TO CONDUCT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR JAIRO LOPEZ.

Mr. Andrew Apodaca stated for the record that Mr. Lopez was notified the Executive Session had ended by email as agreed prior to going into executive session and that multiple phone calls to Mr. Lopez went straight to voice mail. Mr. Lopez did not rejoin.

Matthew King moved to table the application for Disability retirement for Jairo Lopez, so that he may be evaluated by doctor(s) of the Board's choice in the appropriate specialties for his claim, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-859 (A, C - E), as to any and all disabling condition(s) which may be supported by the evidence, after receipt of all relevant medical and other records, to include any Incident Report for the incident that allegedly caused Firefighter Lopez's injury, and to obtain a statement from witness to the incident, and to seek responses from Firefighter Lopez to questions from counsel. Oscar Elias seconded the motion.

No discussion was made. All were in favor. Motion passed.

7. REPORT TO THE BOARD MAILINGS RECEIVED FOR THE BOARD, IF ANY

Rocio Garcia-Pedroza reported there were none.

8. REQUESTS OF THE BOARD:

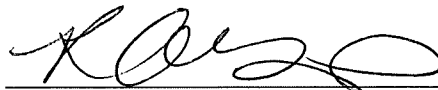
There were none.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the board Oscar Elias moved to adjourn the meeting. Matthew King seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Prepared by



Rocio Garcia-Pedroza, Board Secretary