

CITY OF DOUGLAS LOCAL PENSION BOARD – FIRE
MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Margaret Morales called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in the HR Training Room and by zoom at City Hall, 425 10th Street, Douglas, Arizona.

2. ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Frank Stevens, Matthew King, Joseph Alvarez Sr., Margaret Morales

Members Absent: Mark Wilkinson

Others Present: Richard Martinez (Applicant), Rocio Garcia-Pedroza (Board Secretary), Pamela Treadwell-Rubin & Andrew Apodaca (Board Attorneys)

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 20, 2021.

Frank Stevens moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 20, 2021. Joseph Alvarez seconded the motion.

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

Mr. Richard Martinez was provided the opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Martinez briefly stated he was injured at work and his doctors believe he will not be able to come back to work to a firefighter position and is asking for the board to approve his disability. Mr. Martinez said he is available for any questions. At this point Attorney Treadwell-Rubin asked about one of the letters received from a counselor. She asked if that meant he was also including a psychiatric component as part of the disability or just the physical component indicated in the application. Mr. Martinez clarified it was just the physical component.

4. 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, PAMELA TREADWELL-RUBIN, 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 Frank Stevens, second by Matthew King, to enter an executive session for legal advice and confidential medical review, at 4:08pm. All were in favor. Motion passed.

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

Open Session reconvened from executive session, at 4:59pm.

5. REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT
SUBMITTED BY RICHARD MARTINEZ

Joseph Alvarez moved to find that the application for an Accidental Disability for Richard Martinez, is complete under the PSPRS Model Rules, section(s) (F) (1 & 2), and A.R.S. sections 38-844 (b) and -842 (1), because sufficient documentation has been provided to suggest that the Applicant can meet his burden of proof to show that the statutory requirements can be met in his case. Frank Stevens seconded the motion.

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

6. DISCUSSION/DECISION TO DESIGNATE A MEDICAL BOARD UNDER ARS 38-859 TO CONDUCT A MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR RICHARD MARTINEZ.

Matthew King moved to table the application for an accidental disability for Richard Martinez, so that he may be evaluated by doctor(s) of the Board's choice in the appropriate specialties for his claims, pursuant to A.R.S. sections 38-859 (A, C-E), as to any and all disabling condition(s) which may be supported by the evidence. Joseph Alvarez 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 Frank Stevens moved to adjourn the meeting. Joseph Alvarez seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Margaret Morales adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Prepared by



Rocio Garcia-Pedroza, Board Secretary