

MINUTES
Avra Valley Fire District
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT BOARD
Meeting of October 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM
ST 194 21021 E Homestead Dr, Red Rock, AZ

The order of the Agenda may be altered or changed by the Local Board. Members of the Local Pension Board may attend by telephone or conference call.

** Chief Delfs informed the Chairman that the *Agenda* was properly posted on October 17, 2023 and that there is a quorum present.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Castaneda called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL in attendance were:

Chairman Castaneda
Captain Donaldson
Lorrie Palmquist
Chief Delfs

Chief Kennedy, present by phone
Director Bren, present by phone
Counsel Steve Bosse
Mr. Jared Fiori, present by Zoom

4. INTRODUCTION OF ATTORNEY STEVE BOSSE

Counsel Bosse introduced himself to the Board, explaining that he is the Counsel for many of the Local Pension Boards in Arizona.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of *Minutes* from the meeting held July 13, 2023
- B. Separation of Service: 08-14-2023 Firefighter Diego Talamantez

Chief Kennedy motioned to approve the consent agenda. Captain Donaldson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.

6. Review, Discussion and Possible Action To review the independent medical examination report and the Form P5-LB-A prepared by Dr. Thomas Nelson and to approve, deny or seek more information regarding the accidental disability application for Firefighter/Paramedic Jared Fiori.

Chief Delfs addressed the Board, stating that documents were handed out in the packet. He asked that all packets be turned in at the conclusion of the meeting because of the confidential information contained therein. The Chief explained that the PSPRS statute states that in order for a claim to be accepted, an independent medical examiner must conclude that an injury totally prevents an employee from performing a reasonable range of duties within their job classification, the injury is permanent, and that the injury must have been incurred in the line of duty. The documentation from Dr. Nelson unequivocally states that Mr. Fiori's injury is not total, nor is it permanent. Counsel Bosse informed the Board that their course of action could be to either table the application to request more information or deny the application. After no further discussion, Captain Donaldson motioned to deny Mr. Fiori's application for accidental disability. Chief Kennedy seconded.

Motioned carried unanimously, 5:0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chief Kennedy motioned to adjourn. Captain Donaldson seconded. Motion carried unanimously, 5:0.
Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.