



# City of Maricopa

## Meeting Actions - Final Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

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Thursday, November 21, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall: Cotton Conference Room

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**1. Call To Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.*

**2. Roll Call**

*In-Person: Councilmember and Local Board Chairman, Eric Goettl, Police Board Member Sgt. Pamela O'Neal, Local Board Member, Curtis Dornath, Local Board Member, Jim Hart.*

*Via Teams: Local Board Attorney, Andrew Apodaca, Police Board Member Sgt. Chance Jordan*

**3. Call to the Public**

*Introduction of our new PSPRS Member-at-Large Jim Hart.*

**4. Minutes**

**4.1 [MIN 24-73](#)**

The Board will approve minutes from the June 27, 2024 meeting.

*A motion was made by Local Board Member Curtis Dornath to approve these minutes and was seconded by Local Board Chairman, Eric Goettl. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Approved.**

**5. Agenda Items**

**5.1 [PSPRS 24-17](#)**

The Board will acknowledge and take possible action on the hiring and receipt of physical examinations for the new police officers recruit(s) with no pre-existing condition(s) into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Discussion and Action.

1.) Jorge Soto-Paez, recruit, 11/18/2024

*A motion was made by Local Police Board Member, Sgt. Pamela O'Neal to find that Jorge Soto-Paez meets all applicable PSPRS membership definitions, including the definition of Member, A.R.S. §38-842 (31), and all its related definitions, and regular assignment to hazardous duty, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-842 (42), effective his dates of hire, and to declare Zero pre-existing conditions for Officer Soto-Paez as listed in the exam report in the Board Packet. The motion was seconded by Local Board Member,*

*Curtis Dornath and was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Approved**

- 5.2 [PSPRS 24-18](#) The Board will acknowledge the separation of the following members from the Maricopa Police Department, each with no disability at the time of separation.  
Acknowledgement.

- 1.) Johnny Maynard, voluntary, 08/29/2024
- 2.) Conrad Starostecki, voluntary, 08/15/2024

*A motion was made by Local Police Board Member, Sgt. Pamela O'Neal to terminate the PSPRS membership of Johnny Maynard, and Conrad Starostecki with the City of Maricopa Police Department, effective on their date of resignation noted in the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Local Board Member, Curtis Dornath and was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Approved**

- 5.3 [PSPRS 24-19](#) The Board will review the results of the disability retirement application for Christina Pantoja. This agenda item includes discussion of relevant documentation, medical evaluations, and eligibility requirements as defined by PSPRS guidelines. Discussion and Possible Action.

*A motion was made by Local Police Board Member, Sgt. Pamela O'Neal to GRANT the accidental Disability for Christina Pantoja, based on the IME report of Dr. Patrick N. Bays, dated October 1, 2024, and Accidental Disability Questionnaire, dated September 17, 2024 which find that: Ms. Pantoja, since February 28, 2024, currently satisfies all portions of the definition of Accidental Disability found at A.R.S. §38-842 (1)." (report pg. 13) and that she is not capable of returning to her former position as a patrol officer with the City of Maricopa Police Department." (pg. 11) and find that there are no discrepancies in the medical evidence that require our analysis. The motion was seconded by Local Board Member, Curtis Dornath and was carried by a unanimous vote.*

**Approved**

- 5.4 [PSPRS 24-20](#) The Board will conduct an initial review of the disability retirement application recently submitted by Zaki Wagner, Police Officer. This includes an examination of the application's completeness, initial eligibility under PSPRS guidelines, and any supporting documents provided by the applicant. The board may determine if additional information is required before proceeding to a full review. Discussion and Acknowledgment of Receipt.

*A motion was made by Local Police Board Member, Sgt. Pamela O'Neal to I move to acknowledge receipt of the Accidental Disability application filed by Officer Zaki Wagner on August 1, 2024, so as to satisfy the Local Board's obligations under A.R.S. §38-847(D)(3) and Section E(4) of the Model Rules; and to table Mr. Wagner's Accidental Disability application so that appropriate [medical/discipline/employment] records can be obtained for further investigation. The motion was seconded by Local Board Member, Jim Hart and was carried by a unanimous vote.*

6. **Executive Session**

7. **Adjournment**

*A motion was made by Chairman Eric Goettl to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Local Board Member Curtis Dornath. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am.*