City of Maricopa

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board

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Wednesday, September 2, 2026 **4:10 PM** **City Hall - Montezuma Conference Room**

Police

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:13 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:
Eric Goettl – Chairperson
Curtis Dornath - Appointed Member
Arielle Cohen – Elected Member
Jim Hart – Appointed Member
Alfonso Galindo – Local Board Secretary (fill in)
Brandon Thomas – Local Board Secretary (Primary)

Via Teams:
Andrew Apodaca – Legal Counsel

Absent:
John Soanes – Elected Member
Chelsea Andrews – Local Board Secretary (Secondary)

3. Minutes

3.1 **MIN 26-54** Approval of Minutes from the April 2, 2026 meeting. Discussion and Action.

Motion made by appointed board member Curtis Dornath to approve the minutes. Appointed member Jim Hart seconds the motion. Motion carried.

4. Call to the Public

Nobody spoke during the call to the public.

5. Agenda Items

5.1 **PSPRS 26-10** The Board will review and validate votes for the new PSPRS Local Police Board member and take action to appoint Arielle Cohen to a four-year term, effective as of September 2, 2026. Discussion and Action.

Acknowledged election held, results collected, signed oath. No Vote or Motion needed.

Chairperson Eric Goettl welcomed new member.

5.2 PSPRS 26-11

The Board will acknowledge the hiring and receipt of physical examinations for the following Police officer Recruit with preexisting conditions into the Public Safety Retirement system. No additional medical documentation was provided by the recruits. Discussion and Action.
1. Scott Robinson - PD PSPRS Hire date 7-13-26

A motion was made by appointed member Jim Hart to accept Scott Robinson with preexisting conditions into PSPRS and was seconded by appointed member Curtis Dornath. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

5.3 PSPRS 26-12

The Board will acknowledge and take action on the hiring and receipt of the physical examination for the following new Police Officer Recruit with no pre-existing condition(s) into the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System. Discussion and Action.
1. Ryan Benavides - PD 8-28-26

A motion was made by elected member Arielle Cohen to approve Officer Ryan Benavides with no conditions with the PSPRS hire date of 08/28/26, This was second by appointed member Curtis Dornath. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5.4 PSPRS 26-13

The Board will acknowledge the separation of employment and take possible action to terminate Membership of the following Members of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System, as to their employment with the City of Maricopa. Discussion and Action.
1. Michael Ewald - PD 9-30-26

A motion was made by appointed member Jim Hart to remove Michael Ewald and seconded by appointed member Curtis Dornath. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Executive Session

There was no executive session.

7. Adjournment

Chairperson Goettl makes motion to adjourn at and second by Curtis Donarth and carried by unanimous decision at 4:25 PM.