

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF NORTHERN ARIZONA FIRE DISTRICT
PSPRS PENSION BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024 09:00 A.M.**

The PSPRS Pension Board of the Northern Arizona Fire District met this 20th day of November, 2024 at 9:00 am, at the Northern Arizona Fire District at 2600 E Northern Ave, Kingman, Arizona. Pursuant to ARS Sec 38-431. 03(A)(3), the NAFD PSPRS Pension Board may vote to go into executive session for discussion or consultation with its attorney for legal advice on any matter on the agenda. Pursuant to ARS Sec 38-431. 03(A)(2), the NAFD PSPRS Pension Board may vote to go into executive session for review or discussion of items protected from public inspection regarding any matter on the agenda.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** — The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bailey at 09:00 a.m.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance was skipped by Chairman Bailey due to no flag being present.
3. **ROLL CALL OF BOARD MEMBERS** - Board members present: Chairman Jim Bailey, Director Megan Dropulic, Director Colin McMullen, Director Jason Lopez. Director Kimery was absent.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. Meeting Minutes of October 1, 2024
 - Chair Bailey motioned to approve the meeting minutes of October 1, 2024 as written. Director Lopez seconded the motion and passed unanimously.
5. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE:**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action regarding the accidental disability Discussion and possible action regarding approval of two (2) New Firefighter's Membership into PSPRS with no pre-existing condition declaration:**
 - **Shawn Strader**
 - Item 5A was skipped due to not having the correct name. Director Dropulic stated that there will be a meeting in the next couple of weeks to approve the correct person.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Three (3) New Firefighter's Membership into PSPRS and possible pre-existing condition declaration.**
 - **Jeffery Stapleton**
 - **Jonathan Griswold**
 - **Beauen Bratley**
 - Chair Bailey stated that in the board packet there was the PEC coversheet for each employee in the packets and asked if there was any discussion.
 - Chair Bailey motioned to approve the three (3) new Fire Fighters into PSPRS with the declaration of preexisting conditions declaration as noted on the PEC coversheets. Director Lopez seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding the accidental disability application filed by Shawn Lawless.

- Director Lopez moved to GRANT the accidental Disability for Shawn Lawless, effective September 1, 2023, based on the findings of Dr. Parker that: Psychological testing “was valid and consistent with PTSD and the records are consistent with PTSD.” (report pg. 9) and That Mr. Lawless is unable to continue working as a firefighter/paramedic because “he is unable to think clearly in crisis situations.” (pg. 9). In response to Dr. Parker’s note that there is a discrepancy in the medical evidence I move that we find the only discrepancy noted is the discrepancy between Mr. Lawless’s symptoms related to the two incidents from 2022 versus his apparent reaction as noted by coworkers. However, even Dr. Parker’s believes that this was Mr. Lawless “putting his best foot forward” with coworkers. We therefore resolve the conflict in medical evidence in favor of a compensable claim for accidental disability. Director Dropulic seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS — .

- 7. ADJOURNMENT** — Member Bailey moved to adjourn the meeting; Member Kimrey seconded it. Passed by unanimous decision. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

These minutes were prepared by Megan Dropulic and posted on 11/20/2024 at 09:33 a.m.

James Bailey, Chairman

Megan Dropulic, Secretary