



MINUTES  
CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA  
PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
LOCAL PENSION BOARD MEETING - POLICE  
MARCH 16, 2023

A meeting of the Public Safety Local Police Pension Board of Apache Junction, Arizona, was held in the Executive Conference Room, 300 E. Superstition Blvd, on March 16, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. pursuant to the notice required by law.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chip Wilson, Chairman  
Chris Sabo, (Police)  
Earnest Eaton (Police)  
Jaime Lanza (citizen member)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Evie McKinney, Acting Board Secretary

**Legal Counsel Present**

Cynthia Kelley (Teams Meeting online)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Timothy Gearhart

**A. Call to Order**

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Agenda**

**AGENDA**

**1. Discussion and possible approval of the February 16, 2022 Board meeting minutes.**

Boardmember Chris Sabo **moved, seconded** by Boardmember Jamie Lanza to approve the minutes of February 16, 2022. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Chairman Wilson; Boardmembers Sabo, Eaton and Lanza

Nays: None

Absent: None

**2. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) and 38-431.03(A)(3)**

Boardmember Chris Sabo **moved, seconded** by Boardmember Jaime Lanza to adjourn the Board meeting to Executive Session. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Chairman Wilson; Boardmembers Sabo, Eaton and Lanza

Nays: None

Absent: None

Chairman Wilson adjourned the Board to Executive Session at 2:33 p.m.

Officer Gearhart was excused for Executive Session.

Board Legal Counsel Cynthia Kelly stated she would like to provide the Board legal advice on Item 3.

Board Legal Counsel Cynthia Kelly stated everything that is discussed in executive session remains confidential and cannot be discussed with any other party at any time, which includes after the executive session recesses. The discussion held within executive session will always remain confidential.

During the Executive Session, the Board considered the matter for Agenda Item 3.

**3. Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, if necessary, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03(A)(2) and Initial Hearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Benefits: Timothy Gearhart**

Chairman Wilson adjourned the Executive Session at 2:38 p.m. and reconvened the Board Meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Officer Gearhart was invited into the Board Meeting at 2:39 p.m. and was given the opportunity to speak regarding his application. He had no comments.

Boardmember Sabo moved, seconded by Boardmember Earnest Eaton that the application submitted by Timothy Gearhart for accidental disability benefits, based on the medical evidence provided be accepted, and that the Board Secretary contact the appropriate Dr. for an independent medical examination on Timothy Gearhart. Motion passed 4-0.

Ayes: Chairman Wilson; Boardmembers Sabo, Eaton and Lanza

Nays: None

Absent: None

Boardmember Sabo stated the next step would be for the Board Secretary to contact the Dr. and she would then connect with Officer Gearhart with further instructions for him.

**D. Adjournment**

Chair Wilson adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m..

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Chip Wilson  
Mayor/Board Chairman

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Jennifer Pena  
Clerk/Board Secretary