

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING
FOR THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD
FOR THE JUDICIARY**

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Judiciary was convened Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., via Zoom, Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Board Members Present by Conference/Video Call: Kevin Kluge (Chair); Jason Hathcock; Jennifer Fish; Brandon Shimizu; Scott Mabery

Board Members Absent: None

Also Present by Conference/Video Call: Kayla Adkins, Board Secretary; Alexi Papalossi, Recorder; Yvonne Wong, AOC Officer

Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes:

January 6, 2026 – Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Scott Mabery moved to approve the public meeting minutes of the January 6, 2026, meeting. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Fish and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved. **CORP 2026-04**

Actuarial Valuation Report

Provided for the Board's information were the most recent Consolidated and CORP Annual Actuarial Valuation Reports published by PSPRS.

Discussion:

The Chair stated that he had received the AOC-specific report and asked the Secretary whether she had posted it to the Board's SharePoint site for the Board's review. The Secretary confirmed.

Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Tiffany Whittier

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from the Maricopa County Judicial Branch for Tiffany Whittier, indicating that Ms. Whittier retired from the Pinal County Adult Probation Department in March 2020, with an effective CORP retirement date of April 1, 2020. She has since accepted an employment offer with the Maricopa County Judicial Branch and returned to work on February 2, 2026, in a CORP-designated position as a Juvenile Probation Officer.

Copies of A.R.S. § 38-884.N-O. and Ms. Whittier's current position description were provided to the Board.

Finding: that Ms. Whittier returned to work in a CORP-designated position more than six months after retirement, so it appears she may continue receiving her CORP pension. Additionally, her employer is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on her behalf because she returned to work in a CORP-designated position.

Discussion:

Jason Hathcock confirmed which Retiree Return to Work documents were provided to PSPRS, and the Board Secretary explained that the only information sent to PSPRS is the approved meeting minutes and that both forms provided are for the Board's review to make a determination.

MOTION: Jason Hathcock moved that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Tiffany Whittier and found that (1) Ms. Whittier is eligible to continue receiving a CORP pension. (2) Ms. Whittier's employer, Maricopa County Judicial Branch, is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on her behalf because she returned to work in a CORP-designated position. The motion was seconded by Scott Mabery and passed 4-0. **Board Member Brandon Shimizu was not present for this vote. CORP 2026-05**

Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Carlos Zuniga

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from the Yavapai County for Carlos Zuniga, indicating that Mr. Zuniga retired from the Yavapai County Adult Probation Department on September 30, 2024, with an effective CORP retirement date of October 1, 2024. He had since accepted an employment offer with Yavapai County and will return to work on February 11, 2026, in a non-CORP-designated position as an Environmental Health Specialist.

Copies of A.R.S. § 38-884.N-O. and Mr. Zuniga's current position description were provided to the Board.

The Board Secretary noted that Mr. Zuniga appeared eligible to continue receiving a CORP pension because he returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position after retirement.

Discussion:

Scott Mabery stated that Carlos Zuniga was returning with the Yavapai County Health Department, and since it appeared to be a non-CORP designated position, he didn't feel the need to review this request, Jennifer Fish agreed. The Board Chair felt that since the form was submitted by the county, the Board should vote on the request to remain consistent, and the Board agreed.

MOTION: Scott Mabery moved that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Carlos Zuniga and found that (1) Mr. Zuniga was eligible to continue receiving a CORP pension; (2) Mr. Zuniga's employer, Yavapai County, was not responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on his behalf because he returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position. The motion was seconded by Jason Hathcock and passed unanimously. **CORP 2026-06**

Acknowledgment of CORP Physical Exam Final Letter:

Name	County	Letter Issue Date
Anthony Diaz	La Paz	11/21/2025
Shawnta Roper	Maricopa	12/1/2025
Walter Todd	Maricopa	12/22/2025
Christopher Vega	Pima	11/21/2025
Reian George	Yavapai	12/9/2025
Shea Mutzinger	Yavapai	12/23/2025

The Chair noted for the record that the CORP physical examination report for Anthony Diaz, Shawnta Roper, Walter Todd, Christopher Vega, Reian George, and Shea Mutzinger were not received within 60 days of receiving their membership application and that a final letter requesting the examination report was sent via certified mail.

Approval of Membership:

The Board voted on the approval of the following requests for membership:

Name	County	Effective Enrollment Date	Tier
Ebenecer Ballardos	Cochise	12/27/2025	3
Nathan Goerke	Cochise	1/11/2026	3
Angelique Pogue	Graham	1/18/2026	3
Anthony Diaz	La Paz	9/1/2024	3
Ashley Gebhard	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Daisy Estrada	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Joanna Dennis	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Julian Acosta	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Miranda Mings	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Robert Lumley	Maricopa	12/7/2025	3
Scott Reynolds	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Shawnta Roper	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Fatima Islas	Maricopa	12/30/2025	3
Daniel Dettloff	Maricopa	9/29/2025	3
Alexander Delgado	Maricopa	1/4/2026	3
Antoine Reeves	Maricopa	1/4/2026	3
Ethan Hester	Maricopa	1/4/2026	3
Hannah VanGilder	Maricopa	1/4/2026	3
Jelssica Capelcouto	Maricopa	1/4/2026	3
Jessica Lugo	Maricopa	1/4/2026	3

Christa Pfeninger	Maricopa	1/11/2026	3
Natalie Sanchez	Maricopa	1/11/2026	3
Rosemary Soto	Maricopa	1/11/2026	3
Walter Todd	Maricopa	8/5/2024	3
Jessica Hudson	Maricopa	12/28/2025	3
Robert Marks Jr.	Mohave	1/2/2026	3
Mykenna Dekin	Pima	1/3/2026	3
Sarynn Patterson	Pima	1/4/2026	3
Christopher Vega	Pima	9/22/2025	3
Robert Johnston	Pima	1/18/2026	3
Arlyne Etchechury	Pima	12/28/2025	3
Daniel Hinds	Yavapai	11/17/2024	3
Reian George	Yavapai	12/14/2025	3
Bezha Amadeus	Yavapai	1/20/2026	3
Shea Mutzinger	Yavapai	12/14/2025	3
Diana Keeton	Yavapai	10/22/2025	3

Discussion:

Jason Hathcock asked the Board secretary if Anthony Diaz and Walter Todd were members found in the audit, given that their dates of enrollment are from 2024, and the Secretary confirmed.

MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved to approve the 36 applicants listed on the agenda for this meeting for membership in CORP pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-893.D. and to note for the record that the physical examinations for Angelique Pogue, Ashley Gebhard, Daisy Estrada, Joanna Dennis, Miranda Mings, Robert Lumley, Antoine Reeves, Rosemary Soto, Jessica Hudson, Robert Marks, Jr., Daniel Hinds, and Diana Keeton identified a physical or mental condition or injury that existed or occurred before their dates of membership in the plan. The motion was seconded by Jason Hathcock and passed unanimously. CORP 2026-07

Language Update – CORP Local Board Rules and Procedures:

During the January 6, 2026, CORP Local Board Meeting, the Chair asked Board staff to update the Board’s Rules and Procedures.

A copy of the following items were provided to the Board.

- A.R.S. § 38-884
- Current CORP Local Board Rules and Procedures
- Updated CORP Local Board Rules and Procedures

Discussion:

The Chair asked the Board Secretary to pull up the current and updated rules and procedures. The

Chair requested that the Language Update be included on the agenda for the March 3, 2026, CORP Local Board Meeting for final approval.

Language Update – Certified Letter:

During the January 6, 2026, CORP Local Board Meeting, the Chair asked Board staff to update the certified letters that are sent to CORP members.

A copy of the following items were provided to the Board.

- A.R.S. § 38-884
- Current Final Request Letter
- Updated Final Request Letter

Discussion:

The Chair requested that the Language Update be included on the agenda for the March 3, 2026, CORP Local Board Meeting for final approval.

Board Attorney Contract Review:

At the May 2, 2023, Local Board Meeting, a motion was made to contract legal services with the Law Office of Nicolas J. Cornelius, PLLC, beginning July 1, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026.

Discussion:

The Chair stated that the Board could choose to extend the current contract or go out for bid.

However, due to the late addition of the attorney contract to the Board site, the Chair advised Board staff to include this action item on the agenda for the March 3, 2026, CORP Local Board meeting so the Board can review the current contract before any action is taken.

Future Agenda Items:

- Retiree Return to Work
- Nicholas Cornelius, Board Attorney, advisement of statutory deadlines for pre-membership physical exams
- Liana Garcia, Government Affairs Director for the Administration of the Courts, Senate Bill Updates

Call to the Public:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Transcribed February 10, 2026