

**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, August 1, 2023, 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; Scott Mabery; Mark Smalley

Board Members Absent:

Also Present: Christopher Lemke, Local Board Secretary (video call); Sierra Stowell, Facilitator (video call); Yvonne Wong (video call)

Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes:

July 11, 2023 – Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mark Smalley moved to approve the public meeting minutes of the July 11, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Hathcock and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved. **CORP 2023-40**

Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Arthur Neal

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from Pinal County Superior Court for Arthur Neal indicating that Mr. Neal retired from the Pinal County Sheriff's Office under CORP on September 20, 2017, with an effective CORP retirement date of October 1, 2017. He had since accepted an employment offer with the Pinal County Superior Court and returned to work on July 10, 2023, in a non-CORP-designated position as a Court Security Officer.

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

Ms. Stowell noted that Mr. Neal appeared to be eligible to continue receiving a CORP pension because he had returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position after retirement.

The Chair raised a query regarding the submission of Mr. Neal's Notice of Retiree Return to Work to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office. The Board Secretary responded that the established consensus was that notification to another CORP Board was required only if a retiree resumed employment in a CORP-designated position. Ms. Stowell clarified that Mr. Neal was employed as a Court Security Officer, not a Probation Officer; therefore, he held a non-CORP-designated position.

MOTION: Scott Mabery moved that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Arthur Neal and found that (1) Mr. Neal is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension and that (2) Mr. Neal’s employer, Pinal County Superior Court, is not responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on his behalf since he returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position. The motion was seconded by Mark Smalley and passed unanimously. CORP 2023-41

Approval of Membership:

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

Aurora Pickett	Cochise	7/1/2023
Kora Pliler	Coconino	7/2/2023
Sabrina Falquez	Gila	7/9/2023
Jovany Medina	Maricopa	4/17/2023
Roland Brown	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Tori Browne	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Ramses Valenzuela Reyna	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Morgan Torres	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Miguel Landeros Jr.	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Amanda Thurlow	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Selina Guerrero	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Vanessa Chavez	Maricopa	7/2/2023
Daphne Villela Herrera	Maricopa	7/16/2023
Fatimah Ebadi	Maricopa	7/16/2023
Muskan Gupta	Maricopa	7/16/2023
Lizbeth Torres	Maricopa	7/16/2023
Natalie Morales	Pinal	7/16/2023
Gisela Bustamante	Yavapai	7/15/2023
Ana Gonzalez	Yuma	7/16/2023
Oscar Gonzalez	Yuma	7/16/2023
Brian Arredondo	Yuma	7/16/2023
Danielle Brooks	Yuma	7/16/2023
Nicholas Scheulen	Yuma	7/16/2023

MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved to approve the 23 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 Roland Brown, Tori Browne, Miguel Landeros Jr., and Jovany Medina 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 Scott Mabery and passed unanimously. CORP 2023-42

Membership Audit:

During the month of July, Local Board staff initiated an audit of the Board's membership records against an active membership list provided by PSPRS. Ms. Stowell confirmed the resolution of the discrepancies identified during the 2023 membership audit.

Graham

- 1 Missing termination date
- **1 Discrepancy total**

Maricopa

- 3 Members were incorrectly terminated in the Board's database when they should have remained in an active status
- 23 Missing termination dates
- **26 Discrepancies total**

Navajo

- 1 Missing termination date
- **1 Discrepancy total**

Pima

- 2 Missing termination dates
- 1 Member's Social Security number was entered incorrectly in the Board's database
- **3 Discrepancies total**

Pinal

- 1 Missing termination date
- **1 Discrepancy total**

Yuma

- 1 Missing termination date
- 1 Member's Social Security number was entered incorrectly in the Board's database
- **2 Discrepancies total**

The Board Secretary highlighted that the previous year's audit was notably extensive due to the deferral caused by the COVID-19 pandemic for two years. Moreover, the Board Secretary mentioned that the current audit was comparatively smaller, owing to improvements in Ms. Stowell's processes and efforts to strengthen relationships with County human resources departments to secure consistent membership updates. Additionally, the Board Secretary mentioned that a small-scale audit was conducted during the electronic election earlier in the year, where Ms. Stowell cross-referenced active member email distribution lists to the Board's database records, resulting in a reduction in the size of the 2023 membership audit.

Mr. Smalley inquired about the three erroneously terminated members from Maricopa County and whether their contributions had been affected. In response, the Board Secretary clarified that the Board maintains a separate database from PSPRS to track membership, which has no impact on member contributions.

Future Agenda Items:

Staff informed the Board that the following items will likely be placed on the September 5, 2023, meeting agenda:

- Notice of Retiree Return to Work

Call to the Public:

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Transcribed August 1, 2023.