

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

A Public Meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Superior Court was convened, Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 331, Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Board member Paul Cunningham attended meeting via conference call in accordance with Open Meeting Law 7.10.2 - Telephone Conferences.

Jim Bruner, Chair	Paul Cunningham, Board Member
Kevin Kluge, Board Member	Lu McLendon, Secretary
Phil Hanley, Board Member	Leticia Chavez, Recorder
Jason Hathcock, Board Member	
Michael Anthony, Attorney	

Guests Present:

Jim Hacking, Public Safety Personal Retirement System
Nikki O'Keefe
Mike Goss

Call to Order

Local Board Chair, Jim Bruner, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2008, at the Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

- a. Legislative Update – Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Administrator Jim Hacking updated the Board on current CORP Legislation. Currently, there are two bills that impact the CORP plan, the first, House Bill 2395 would give to the governing board of the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) a much greater flexibility with respect to the management of the assets of the system. This will hopefully enable and improve the total rate of return of the system and thereby provide the contributing employers with an additional measure of relief. There is no anticipation for problems with respect to the passing of this bill.

The second, House Bill 2117 affects the surveillance, probation and detention officer group. If enacted, this bill would make the existing ordinary disability provision available for this group. The existing ordinary disability provision for CORP participants was approved in last year's legislative session. However, the availability of ordinary disability protection benefit was made contingent upon the CORP plan

becoming 100% funded. If passed HB 2117 would eliminate the 100% funding requirement and would require an increase in the employee

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contribution rate of approximately .45%. This would increase the current employee rate from 7.96% to 8.41%.

10:20 a.m. – Arrival of Board Member Phil Hanley (Tape stopped)

Tape Resumed

Another legislative proposal discussed is House Bill 2118, which if passed would provide continuing CORP coverage for AOC probationary staff hired by Education Services to provide training to other probation and surveillance officers. Traditionally, employees transferring into these positions would be under ASRS. If passed HB 2118 will allow employees hired into these training positions to retain their CORP benefits. However, this bill does have certain restrictions; it is limited by the number of positions and restricted to the AOC.

Board member Jason Hathcock inquired about the CORP employee contribution rate and the possibility of it going back up to the original 8.5%. Mr. Hacking explained that it can not go back up unless there is legislation to do so. If House Bill 2117 passes the employee contribution rate is going to go from 7.96% to 8.41% but if CORP plan becomes 100% funded the employee rate will go back down to 7.96%.

Approval of Minutes

- a. February 21, 2008, Public Meeting Minutes. The Chair called for any corrections or additions. There were no corrections or additions.

MOTION: A motion for approval of the February 21, 2008 Public Meeting Minutes was made by K. Kluge. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously minutes stand approved. **CORP 2008-37**

Approval of Normal Retirements – The Local Board may consider and vote on the following applications **(a–e)** for Normal Retirement Benefits in public meeting or defer decision to a later date.

- a. James J. Chilstrom
- b. Donald J. Dey
- c. Michael K. Dalesio
- d. Jimmy Martinez
- e. Edward J. Sleger III

The Local Board was made aware of the fact that ASRS has not transferred the entire amount of service credits to CORP for Mr. Dalesio. As a result, the approval of benefits today will not reflect the additional time. ASRS will

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transfer the additional service credits and Mr. Dalesio's benefits will be recalculated to include the additional years. He has been made aware of this and advised that the additional benefits owed for March would be reflected in his April benefit check.

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Hathcock to approve applications (a-e) for Normal Retirement benefits. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2008-38**

Approval of Reverse DROP Retirements – The Local Board may consider and vote on the following application for Reverse DROP Retirement Benefits in public meeting or defer decision to a later date.

- a. James C. Kitt

MOTION: A motion was made by P. Cunningham to approve the Reverse DROP application (a) for benefit payment Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2008-39**

Admission of Members (CORP) - The Local Board may consider and vote on the admission of new members in public meeting or defer decision to a later date.

According to CORP statutes all new hires requesting membership into CORP must be voted in and approved by the Local Board. This month the Board received 16 employee requests for membership in CORP.

MOTION: A motion was made by P. Hanley to approve the 16 employees requesting membership into CORP. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2008-40**

General Discussion

- a. Local Board Seminar, April 25, 2008 – The Public Safety Personnel Retirement System will be holding a CORP Local Board Seminar. This seminar is available to all who serve on a CORP Local Board, it will cover Local Board 101, Open Meeting Law and Ethics; this is to help new board members understand their responsibilities on the Local Board as well as the CORP plan. New Board Members Jason Hathcock and Paul Cunningham will be required to attend this seminar; the Board Secretary will provide the specific information via email once it becomes available.

The Chairman stated that he would like to have as an agenda item for the April board meeting, the discussion of quarterly or bi-monthly meetings for the Local Board.

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Call to the Public - The chair made a call to the public

Guest Mike Goss addressed the Board and inquired if the Board knew who the sponsor for House Bill 2151 was; Board Member Paul Cunningham advised it was Representative Don Patton from Pima County.

Meeting adjourned 11:10 a.m.

Transcribed this 21st day of March 2008

Lu Mc Lendon
Local Board Secretary