

**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 7, 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: Jason Hathcock (Acting Chair); Jennifer Fish; Scott Mabery; Mark Smalley

Board Members Absent: Kevin Kluge (Chair)

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

Call to Order:

Approval of the Minutes:

January 3, 2023 – Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mark Smalley moved to approve the public meeting minutes of the January 3, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved.
CORP 2023-06

Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Mark Jessen

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from Maricopa County Superior Court for Mark Jessen, indicating that Mr. Jessen retired from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) effective November 11, 2022. He has since accepted an employment offer with the Maricopa County Superior Court and returned to work on January 9, 2023, in a non-CORP-designated position as a Judicial Branch Security Officer.

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

The Board Attorney advised that A.R.S. § 38-884.N. applies only to members reemployed by the employer from which they retired. Since the member retired from the MCSO, the statute is not applicable. However, the Board determined that Maricopa County Superior Court is not required to pay the CORP alternate contribution rate (ACR) because the position of Judicial Branch Security Officer is a non-designated position.

Mr. Smalley inquired as to why this Local Board was discussing a retiree return to work for a member who retired under the MCSO Local Board. The Acting Chair replied that the Board could not decide whether Mr. Jessen's pension may continue but could determine the Maricopa County Superior Court's employer responsibility associated with payment or nonpayment of an ACR. The

Acting Chair and Ms. Fish noted that Maricopa County was likely covering their bases by sending the Notice of Retiree Return to Work to this Local Board.

The Board Secretary commented that following a determination on Maricopa County Superior Court's responsibility to pay or not pay an ACR, Board staff would notify the MCSO CORP Local Board of the Notice of Retiree Return to Work so that they may take any necessary action.

MOTION: Scott Mabery motioned that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Mark Jessen and found that (1) The Notice of Retiree Return to Work form for Mr. Jessen should be forwarded to the CORP Local Board for the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office and that (2) Mr. Jessen's employer (Maricopa 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 and passed unanimously. **CORP 2023-07**

Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Celena Angstead

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from Maricopa County Superior Court for Celena Angstead, indicating that Ms. Angstead retired from the Pinal County Probation Department effective December 26, 2021. She had since accepted an employment offer with the Maricopa County Superior Court with the intention of returning to work on February 13, 2023, in a CORP-designated position as Deputy Chief - Juvenile Probation.

Copies of A.R.S. § 38-884.N-O., §38-891.01, and Ms. Angstead's current job description were provided to the Board.

The Board Secretary noted that Ms. Angstead will have returned to work in a CORP-designated position (Deputy Chief - Juvenile Probation) more than six months after retirement, so it appeared she could continue to receive her CORP pension. Additionally, Ms. Angstead will hold a CORP-designated position, so her employer is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on her behalf.

MOTION: Scott Mabery motioned that the Board received the Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Celena Angstead and found that (1) Ms. Angstead is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension and that (2) Ms. Angstead's employer (Maricopa County Superior Court) is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on her behalf. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. **CORP 2023-08**

The Acting Chair commented that A.R.S. §38-891.01, which outlines an employer's responsibility to pay an alternate contribution rate, defines the period a retiree may return to work in a CORP-designated position as twelve months instead of six. The Acting Chair noted that the Board Secretary had notified PSPRS about this error, and they have confirmed that it was an oversight which they hope to address during the 2023 legislative session.

CORP AOC Actuarial Valuation Report

Provided for the Board's information was the most recent CORP annual Actuarial Valuation Report published by PSPRS.

Mr. Smalley pointed out that the funding was above 80% for CORP, to which the Acting Chair clarified that it was for CORP as a whole and not the CORP Local Board for the Judiciary. The Acting Chair added that many employers paid down their unfunded liability, but this employer had not. The Acting Chair noted that there is a bill in review at the legislature to address this and that there are plans to have Liana Garcia, Administrative Office of the Courts Legislative Liaison, attend the next Board meeting to provide a legislative update.

The Acting Chair remarked that if there were efforts to pay off unfunded liability, the CORP employer contribution rate would decrease.

Acknowledgment of CORP Physical Exam Final Letters:

A physical examination report was not received for the member listed below. A certified letter was sent to the member regarding the non-receipt of their CORP physical examination within 60 days of receiving their membership application.

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Letter Sent</u>
Coconino	Lauren Schroeter	12/15/2022

The Acting Chair noted for the record that a physical examination report for Lauren Schroeter was not received by the Board within 60 days of receiving Ms. Schroeter's membership application. A final letter requesting the examination was sent to Ms. Schroeter via certified mail.

Approval of Membership:

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

Julie Cresswell	Cochise	1/14/2023
Lauren Schroeter	Coconino	1/13/2023
Kacee Wolfe	Greenlee	10/17/2022
Jake Spellman	Maricopa	9/26/2022
Ashley Rodriguez	Maricopa	10/3/2022
Jeremy Roti	Maricopa	10/3/2022
Desiree Estrada-Herrera	Maricopa	12/25/2022
Kiana Arellano	Maricopa	12/25/2022
Tori Breshers	Maricopa	12/25/2022
Mark Flores	Maricopa	12/25/2022
Hilario Saucedo	Maricopa	1/1/2023
Giovanny Sanchez	Maricopa	1/1/2023
Selena Echeveste Manzano	Maricopa	1/1/2023
Alexa Hearn	Maricopa	1/1/2023
Brandon Dimasin-Cabulong	Maricopa	1/1/2023
David Hernandez	Maricopa	1/8/2023
Alyssa Hernandez	Maricopa	1/8/2023
Shelbi Bottoms	Maricopa	1/15/2023
Antwain Flowers	Maricopa	1/22/2023

Christian Higdon	Mohave	1/22/2023
Brittany Salzer	Pima	10/10/2022
Lawrence Grier	Pima	1/8/2023
Amy Gisleson	Pima	1/8/2023
Isabella Briamonte	Pima	1/8/2023
Angel Hernandez	Pima	1/8/2023
Andrew Volk	Pima	1/22/2023
Aspen Denison	Pinal	1/1/2023
Michelle Davis	Yavapai	10/2/2022
Lela Hawkins	Yavapai	1/8/2023
Shane Rush	Yavapai	1/8/2023
Bryan Prieto	Yavapai	1/14/2023
Michellana Adair	Yavapai	1/15/2023
Oliver Perez Servin	Yuma	1/1/2023

MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved to approve the 33 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 Julie Cresswell, Mark Flores, Hilario Saucedo, Ashley Rodriguez, Shelbi Bottoms, Lawrence Grier, Isabella Briamonte, Aspen Denison, and Bryan Prieto identified a physical or mental condition or injury that existed or occurred before their dates of membership in the plan. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2023-09

2023 CORP Electronic Election Update:

In the December 6, 2022, Board meeting, the Chair requested that the Board Secretary provide monthly updates on the CORP Electronic Election.

The Board Secretary shared that on January 31, 2023, Board staff notified County Chief Probation Officers and Juvenile Court Directors of the upcoming 2023 CORP Board Member election. An election announcement was also posted on the CORP website. The Board Secretary explained that going forward, Board staff will utilize County-provided email distribution lists to issue electronic nomination ballots to active CORP members on or around February 20, 2023.

The Acting Chair questioned if the nomination ballot emails will be issued to the email addresses of active CORP members from SurveyMonkey's platform, which the Board Secretary confirmed.

Retiree Return to Work FAQ Update:

During the December 6, 2022, Local Board Meeting, the creation of a Retiree Return to Work FAQ, utilizing the topics discussed in Board Member Jennifer Fish's report of employer retiree return to work scenarios, was discussed.

When reviewing a preliminary draft of the FAQ document in the January 3, 2023, Local Board Meeting, changes to the material were requested by the Board. Following the meeting, the FAQ Document was updated and underwent legal review from the Board's Attorney, Lesli Sorensen. A

copy of the finalized Retiree Return to Work FAQ Document was provided to the Board for reference.

Additionally, the Board Secretary advised that the Retiree Return to Work FAQ is accessible on the CORP site and that a link to the resource had been shared with the County HR departments.

Future Agenda Items:

Staff informed the Board that the following items will likely be placed on the March 7, 2023, meeting agenda:

- Consideration of Disability Application #21-03 – 1-Year Review of Records
- Legislative Update presented by Liana Garcia
- Update on electronic election plan provided by the Board Secretary

Call to the Public:

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Transcribed February 7, 2023.