

**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, March 5, 2024, 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; Mark Smalley; Jennifer Fish

Board Members Absent: Scott Mabery

Also Present by Conference/Video Call: Christopher Lemke, Local Board Secretary; Kayla Adkins, Recorder

Call to Order:

Approval of Minutes:

February 6, 2024 – Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Mark Smalley moved to approve the public meeting minutes of the February 6, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Hathcock and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved. **CORP 2024-06**

Request to Remain in ASRS – Lynna Mros:

The Board received a request dated February 9, 2024, from Lynna Mros to remain in the Arizona State Retirement System (ASRS) pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-891.F.

Ms. Mros was previously employed with the Cochise County Superior Court from July 8, 2023, until November 11, 2023, as a Program Manager. She also held additional ASRS-participating positions dating back to October 13, 2001. Ms. Mros became a full-time Juvenile Detention Officer with the Cochise County Superior Court Juvenile Detention Department on November 13, 2023. Her request indicates that she has 7.49 years of credited service with ASRS.

Copies of A.R.S. § 38-891.F. and Ms. Mros's current position description were provided to the Board.

The Board Secretary noted that Ms. Mros appeared to have met the eligibility requirement of a minimum of five years of credited service under ASRS and filed her request with the Local Board within ninety days of accepting a CORP-designated position.

MOTION: Jason Hathcock moved to approve the request by Lynna Mros to remain in ASRS, as it appeared Ms. Mros had met the eligibility requirements of a minimum of five years of service credited under ASRS and filed her request with the Local Board within ninety days of accepting a CORP-designated position. The Motion was seconded by Mark Smalley and passed unanimously. CORP 2024-07

Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Richard Lopez

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from the Maricopa County Judicial Branch for Richard Lopez, indicating that Mr. Lopez retired from the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office in April 2020, with an effective CORP retirement date of May 1, 2020. He had since accepted an employment offer with the Maricopa County Judicial Branch and returned to work on February 5, 2024, in a non-CORP-designated position as a Background Investigator.

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

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

MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Richard Lopez and found that (1) Mr. Lopez is eligible to receive a CORP pension. (2) Mr. Lopez’s employer, Maricopa County Judicial Branch, 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 Jason Hathcock and passed unanimously. CORP 2024-08

Acknowledgment of CORP Physical Exam Letters

Name	County	Letter Issue Date
Chuckie Milson	Maricopa	1/16/2024
Hailey Tompkins	Pima	1/19/2024

The Chair noted for the record that the CORP physical examination reports for Chuckie Milson and Hailey Tompkins were not received within 60 days of receiving their membership applications and that final letters requesting the examination reports were sent via certified mail.

Approval of Membership:

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

Name	County	Effective Enrollment Date
Cantrel Nielsen	Apache	2/11/2024
Rebecca Brazeal	Cochise	1/28/2024
Shelby Ward	Cochise	1/28/2024

Ndoto BonDurant-Strong	Coconino	1/28/2024
Erich Kenney	Gila	2/4/2024
Christian Ramirez	Maricopa	2/18/2024
Alexandra Duncantell	Maricopa	2/18/2024
Nickolas Hubbard	Maricopa	2/11/2024
Anthony Arias	Maricopa	2/18/2024
Brian Begay	Maricopa	2/4/2024
Keesha Brooks	Maricopa	1/28/2024
Chuckie Milson	Maricopa	2/11/2024
Jacob Eustin	Mohave	2/18/2024
Timothy Scurti	Mohave	2/18/2024
Carl Stine	Mohave	2/18/2024
Elizabeth Corteau	Navajo	12/10/2023
Mario Perez	Navajo	2/18/2024
Jeffrey Milton	Navajo	1/28/2024
Alicia Temple	Pima	2/17/2024
Cedric Morgan-Cotton	Pima	2/11/2024
Christian Alvarado	Pima	2/4/2024
Hope Thatcher	Pima	2/18/2024
Hailey Tompkins	Pima	2/18/2024
Daniela Duran	Pima	2/4/2024
Chad Mullen	Pinal	10/30/2023
Kevin Farrell	Pinal	1/28/2024
Amanda Hardimon	Pinal	1/28/2024
Krystal Villar	Pinal	1/14/2024
Hillel Watkins	Pinal	2/11/2024
Patrick Corridan	Pinal	1/28/2024
Ziria Aguilar	Yuma	11/13/2023
Joshua Kennedy	Yuma	1/28/2024

MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved to approve the 32 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 Cantrel Neilsen, Shelby Ward, Anthony Arias, Brian Begay, Keesha Brooks, Carl Stine, Jeffrey Milton, Christian Alvarado, Hope Thatcher, Hillel Watkins, and Patrick Corridan 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 Mark Smalley and passed unanimously. **CORP 2024-09**

Future Agenda Items:

The Chair notified the Board that he would not attend the April 2, 2024, Local Board meeting and requested a volunteer to chair the meeting in his absence. Jason Hathcock volunteered to chair the April 2, 2024, meeting.

The Board Secretary informed the Board that disability applicant #19-02, Matthew Baack, was tentatively scheduled for an Independent Medical Examination (IME) on April 5, 2024, to reevaluate his disabling condition.

The Chair directed the Board Secretary to secure the attendance of Liana Garcia, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Government Affairs Director, at the April 2, 2024, and May 7, 2024, Local Board meetings to deliver an update on legislation changes expected to impact CORP.

Call to the Public:

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Transcribed March 5, 2024.