

**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, September 5, 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; Scott Mabery

**Board Members Absent:** Jennifer Fish; Mark Smalley

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

**Call to Order:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

August 1, 2023 – Public Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: Jason Hathcock moved to approve the public meeting minutes of the August 1, 2023, meeting.** The motion was seconded by Scott Mabery and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved. **CORP 2023-43**

**Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Lucinda Amarillas**

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for Lucinda Amarillas, indicating that Ms. Amarillas retired from the Pinal County Superior Court on May 21, 2022, with an effective CORP retirement date of June 1, 2022. She had since accepted an employment offer with the AOC and returned to work on July 25, 2022, in a non-CORP-designated position as a Program Specialist V.

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

The Board Secretary noted that Ms. Amarillas appeared to be eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension because she returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position after retirement. In addition, the Board Secretary informed the Board of newly implemented practices to proactively identify, and address CORP retirees hired by AOC's Human Resources department.

**MOTION: Scott Mabery motioned that the Board received the Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Lucinda Amarillas and found that (1) Ms. Amarillas is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension and that (2) Ms. Amarillas' employer, the Administrative Office of the Courts, is not responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on her behalf**

since she returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position. The motion was seconded by Jason Hathcock and passed unanimously. **CORP 2023-44**

**Notice of Retiree Return to Work – Joshua Brantner**

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from Graham County Superior Court for Joshua Brantner, indicating that Mr. Brantner retired from the Arizona Department of Corrections on February 3, 2023, with an effective CORP retirement date of March 1, 2023. He has since accepted an employment offer with the Graham County Superior Court and intends to return to work on September 11, 2023, in a CORP-designated position as an Adult Probation Officer.

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

The Board Secretary noted that Mr. Brantner will return to work in a CORP-designated position more than six months after retirement, so it appeared that he may continue to receive his CORP pension. The Board Secretary added that since Mr. Brantner will hold a CORP-designated position, his employer is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on his behalf.

**MOTION: Jason Hathcock motioned that the Board received the Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Joshua Brantner and found that (1) Mr. Brantner is eligible to continue to receive a CORP pension; (2) Mr. Brantner’s employer, Graham County Superior Court, is responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on his behalf; and that (3) Local Board Staff shall notify the CORP Local Board for the Arizona Department of Corrections of Mr. Brantner’s return to work in a CORP-designated position.** The motion was seconded by Scott Mabery and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved. **CORP 2023-45**

**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 a CORP physical examination report within 60 days of receiving their membership application.

<u>County</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Letter Sent</u>
Coconino	Eternitti Latimore	7/12/2023

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

**Approval of Membership:**

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

Jadon Cisco	Apache	8/19/2023
Moroni Flores	Cochise	7/30/2023
Kasandra Torres	Cochise	8/13/2023

Rowan Davidson	Coconino	7/30/2023
Eternitti Latimore	Coconino	8/11/2023
Keely Blake	Graham	8/20/2023
Alexandria Corral	Maricopa	5/8/2023
Taylor Arlington	Maricopa	8/13/2023
Robert Parkinson	Maricopa	8/20/2023
Paulina Stutenroth	Maricopa	8/20/2023
Heather Lynn	Navajo	7/23/2023
Antonio Maldonado	Navajo	7/23/2023
Hana Burleson	Navajo	8/13/2023
Arthur Wdowiak	Yavapai	8/20/2023
Joshua Sanchez	Yuma	8/13/2023

**MOTION: Scott Mabery moved to approve the 15 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 Moroni Flores, Kasandra Torres, Rowan Davidson, Keely Blake, and Hana Burleson 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 2023-46**

**CORP Certificate of Records Destruction:**

The Board Chair, Board Member Jason Hathcock, and the Board Secretary have approved a CORP Certificate of Records Destruction in accordance with Section C.(6)(e) of this Board's Rules of Local Board Procedure.

Board Staff has destroyed electronic recordings for the following meeting dates where the Board did not consider a disability application:

- 1/3/2023; 2/7/2023; 4/4/2023

Section C.(6)(e):

- I. For Meetings at which no disability claims have been considered, such electronic recordings shall be maintained for ninety (90) days after the Minutes have been submitted to the Board of Trustees.
- II. For Meetings at which a disability claim was considered, such electronic recordings shall be maintained until the Claimant reaches his or her normal retirement date.
- III. The Secretary may destroy the electronic recording of a Local Board Meeting after the period in Section C(6)(e)(1) or (2) expires. The Secretary will prepare and retain a certificate of destruction when any electronic recordings are destroyed.

**Future Agenda Items:**

Staff informed the Board that there are currently no proposed agenda items for the upcoming meeting scheduled for October 3, 2023.

The Board Chair sought confirmation regarding the status of the last disability case, as the deadline for filing an appeal had elapsed. The Board Secretary assured that no appeal was received, and accordingly, the disability case is now considered closed.

Furthermore, the Board Chair and Mr. Hathcock inquired about the schedule for upcoming disability cases. The Board Secretary conveyed that the next disability reevaluation is scheduled for February 2024, with subsequent reevaluations not slated until 2025 and 2026.

**Call to the Public:**

No members of the public addressed the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Transcribed September 5, 2023.