

**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, January 6, 2026, 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; Brandon Shimizu; Scott Mabery

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Also Present by Conference/Video Call:** Kayla Adkins, Board Secretary

**Call to Order:**

**Approval of Minutes:**

December 2, 2025 – Public Meeting Minutes

**MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved to approve the public meeting minutes of the December 2, 2025, meeting.** The motion was seconded by Scott Mabery and passed unanimously. The minutes stand approved. **CORP 2026-01**

**Request for Retiree Return to Work – Jeffery Schroeder**

The Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work from the Maricopa County Judicial Branch for Jeffery Schroeder, indicating that Mr. Schroeder retired from the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office on July 29, 2022, with an effective CORP retirement date of August 1, 2022. He has since accepted an employment offer with the Maricopa County Judicial Branch and returned to work on December 8, 2025, in a non-CORP-designated position as a Security Officer.

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

Finding: Mr. Schroeder appeared eligible to continue receiving a CORP pension because he returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position after retirement.

**MOTION: Jason Hathcock moved that the Board received a Notice of Retiree Return to Work for Jeffery Schroeder and found that (1) Mr. Schroeder's was eligible to continue receiving a CORP pension; (2) Mr. Schroeder's employer, Maricopa County Judicial Branch, was not responsible for paying the CORP alternate contribution rate on his behalf because he returned to work in a non-CORP-designated position.** The motion was seconded by Brandon Shimizu and passed unanimously. **CORP 2026-02**

**Acknowledgment of CORP Physical Exam Final Letter:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Letter Issue Date</b>
Jared Winters	Apache	10/9/2025

The Chair noted for the record that the CORP physical examination report for Jared Winters was not received within 60 days of receiving their membership application and that a final letter requesting the examination report was sent via certified mail.

**Approval of Membership:**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Effective Enrollment Date</b>	<b>Tier</b>
Jared Winters	Apache	10/29/2025	3
Kayla Corber	Coconino	11/16/2025	3
Michael Garner	Coconino	12/1/2025	3
John Walter	Graham	11/23/2025	3
Michael Schreiner	Graham	11/23/2025	3
Gabrielle Chiu	Maricopa	11/24/2025	3
Vanessa Holloway	Maricopa	12/2/2025	3
Domivan Jackson	Maricopa	12/3/2025	3
Alton Snipe	Maricopa	12/7/2025	3
Crystal Allen	Maricopa	12/7/2025	3
Gabrielle Bartholomew	Maricopa	12/7/2025	3
Michael Flavell	Maricopa	12/7/2025	3
Jack Spano	Maricopa	12/14/2025	3
Jasmyne Withers	Maricopa	12/14/2025	3
Kingsley Longe	Maricopa	12/14/2025	3
Raiza Verdera Llanes	Maricopa	12/14/2025	3
Ricardo Navarro Ramirez	Maricopa	12/14/2025	3
Jerry Vargas	Maricopa	12/14/2025	3
Charvic German Balderas	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Diana Vasquez	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Edgar Arias	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Emily Reed	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Jeshua Garcia	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Joshua Ryker	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Lady Sanchez Montoya	Maricopa	12/21/2025	3
Thomas Serna	Pima	12/7/2025	3

Jolie Sestiaga	Pima	11/23/2025	3
Katherine Baynori Mendoza	Pima	12/7/2025	3
Ryan Fordyce	Pima	12/7/2025	3
Ashley Higgins	Pima	12/21/2025	3
Jordan Brewer	Pinal	11/16/2025	3
Braedon Mondragon	Pinal	8/18/2025	3
Reese Jones	Yavapai	9/2/2025	3
Nathan Rhoad	Yavapai	12/7/2025	3
Danyelle Myslivy	Yavapai	12/16/2025	3
Itzel Avalos	Yuma	12/1/2025	3
Pricella Grijalva	Yuma	12/1/2025	3
Damian Lopez	Yuma	12/1/2025	3
Kamryn Moctezuma	Yuma	12/14/2025	3

**MOTION: Jennifer Fish moved to approve the 39 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 John Walter, Gabrielle Chiu, Jack Spano, Kingsley Longe, Charvic German Balderas, Thomas Serna, Ryan Fordyce, Jordan Brewer, and Braedon Mondragon 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 2026-03**

**Notice of Updated Retiree Return to Work Form:**

Board Staff received an updated Retiree Return to Work Form in November 2025. The following information that the Board previously used to make determinations was not included on the updated form:

- Agency from which the member retired
- Termination Date
- Retirement Date
- Return to Work Date

Board Staff has requested that the County Human Resources Offices provide both forms.

Attached was a copy of the updated C-16 form obtained from the PSPRS website for the Board to review.

**Discussion:**

The Chair requested Board Staff to notify all counties of the updated forms and to update the CORP website to reflect these changes.

**Language update for the Board’s Rules and Procedures:**

During the December 2, 2025, CORP Local Board Meeting, the Chair asked Board staff to update the Board's Rules and Procedures regarding the pre-employment membership exams and pre-existing conditions. The following is the update:

- Adding to the end of section D, subsection 3, "In the event that the employee does not provide the Board with a physical exam, that employee will be subject to the terms of A.R.S. § 38-884(B), which provides that the employee is deemed to have waived any rights to disability under Article 6 of Title 38."

A copy of the following items was provided to the Board.

- Physical Exam Letter
- Final Request Letter
- CORP Local Board Rules and Procedures

### **Discussion:**

The Board Secretary asked the Board how they would like to address members providing additional documentation in response to the pre-membership physical exam identifying a pre-existing condition.

Mr. Hathcock confirmed that the Board's current practice is to file the information without Board review. The Chair stated that reviewing the documentation before filing could help address any concerns. However, the Chair recommended consulting with the board attorney to determine what could be discussed without the member having signed a waiver of confidentiality.

Mr. Mabery asked the Chair what kind of issues would be addressed. The Chair stated that members can refute what is considered a pre-existing condition. The Board Secretary provided examples that some medical providers would include chronic conditions and/or previous surgeries, while other medical providers would not consider that a pre-existing condition. Mr. Mabery agreed that it would be best to file the information.

Mr. Hathcock asked the Board Secretary how often a member submits supporting documentation. The Board Secretary clarified that members do not respond frequently. Mr. Hathcock requested that the Board be informed of any members who submit additional documentation regarding their pre-existing conditions. The Chair asked that, in the future, any supporting documentation or pre-membership physical exams received after the first 90 days of employment be included on the Board agenda as a Note for the Record.

Mr. Hathcock requested that the Rules and Procedures, as well as future communication to members, mirror the statute to state that "any employee who fails or refuses to submit to the exam", to which the Board agreed.

The Board Secretary asked the Board to review Part D, Section 1 of the Rules and Procedure, which states, "the Local Board Shall contract with a designated physician." The Board referenced

A.R.S. 38-884 and recommended removing the word “contract,” suggesting it should follow the language in the statute. The Chair requested that Board Staff present recommended changes to this section of the Rules and Procedures at the next Local Board meeting.

The Board Secretary asked whether the Board would like to wait to approve membership until Board staff can verify receipt of the pre-membership physical. Mr. Hathcock stated that he does not think the Board should wait to approve membership. The Chair said he would prefer to keep the current process, approving members once they reach their 90-day mark and filing the pre-membership physical as it comes in.

The Board Secretary asked the Board whether they wanted to set a deadline for receipt of the pre-membership physical exam. The Secretary reminded the Board that the member receives a 60-day notice stating they have a limited time to respond and complete the exam. The Chair inquired whether members submitting after their 90-day probationary period should be placed on the agenda to inform the board.

Ms. Fish questioned the reliability of a pre-membership physical exam completed after a long delay, pointing out a medical provider's challenge in determining whether a condition was pre-existing based on a past date.

Mr. Hathcock stated that if a member suffers a disabling event and does not have a pre-membership physical exam, the Board should still review the disability retirement application. Ms. Fish stated that it is the employee's responsibility to complete the pre-membership physical exam, but the Board can determine the validity of the exam on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Mabery stated that if the Board reviews these matters individually, it should seek clarification from the attorney.

The Chair asked Board Staff to request the Board attorney's attendance at the next board meeting to address their questions regarding the physical exam.

**Future Agenda Items:**

- Retiree Return to Work

**Call to the Public:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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