SUMMARY 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, Thursday, May 27, 2010, 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:

Phil Hanley, Acting Chair
Kevin Kluge, Board Member
Jason Hathcock, Board Member
Michael Anthony, Attorney

Lu McLendon, Secretary
Leticia Chavez, Recorder
Court Reporter (AVTranz)

Absent:
Jim Bruner, Chair
Mark Smalley, Board Member

Also Present:
Attorney Thomas Griffin
Applicant #09-03
Nikki O’Keeffe

Call to Order

Acting Chair, Phil Hanley, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 27, 2010 at the Arizona Supreme Court Building, 1501 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona.

Approval of the Minutes

a. April 13, 2010 Public Meeting & Executive Session Minutes (AVTranz)
b. April 13, 2010 Public Meeting & Executive Minutes Summary
c. April 28, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes

The Chair called for any corrections or additions to the minutes, Attorney Mike Anthony noted a correction to the verbatim public meeting transcripts. The transcripts included a phonetic spelling, “subsentie”; the Attorney clarified the spelling as “substantive”. Board Member Jason Hathcock requested to discuss a correction to the executive session summary in executive session, Chair called for motion to go into executive session. A motion to go into Executive Session to discuss corrections to the minutes was made by J. Hathcock.

PUBLIC SESSION RESUMED 10:20 a.m.

MOTION: A motion for approval of the April 13, 2010 Public and Executive Meeting Minutes and Summary with noted corrections and approval of the April 28, 2010 Public Meeting Minutes Summary was made by J. Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously minutes stand approved. CORP 2010-22
Disability Benefits – The Local Board may vote to go into Executive Session for discussion of medical documentation and to receive legal advice for the following Disability applications pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431 (A) (2 & 3).

a. #09-04 – PSPRS request for rehearing/approval of benefits.

A letter dated April 27, 2010 was received from the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) requesting a rehearing of #09-04 to address the question of whether or not the applicant has a pre-existing condition. The Local Board office drafted a letter dated May 3, 2010 to PSPRS and included the verbatim transcripts of the March 31, 2010 meeting to provide clarification of pre-existing condition and board rational for decision. PSPRS’ request for rehearing was filed in a timely manner, therefore, the Board agreed that the request for a rehearing be granted based on A.R.S 38-893 (H). Due to the approval of the request for a rehearing the Board did not take any action on the approval of the benefit amount.

MOTION: A motion to schedule a rehearing for the June 16, 2010 board meeting was made by J. Hathcock. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2010-23

b. #09-03 – Review of Medical Evaluation/approval of application.

The Board acknowledged the presence of Attorney Mr. Thomas Griffin representing applicant 09-03. Mr. Griffin was invited to address the Board; Mr. Griffin informed the Board that after his review of the IME, it was his opinion that his client should be approved for disability retirement benefits.

A completed Independent Medical Evaluation (IME) from Dr. Victor Tseng of Orthopedic Surgery was received by the Local Board office on May 10, 2010 for applicant #09-03 and reviewed by the Board. In reviewing the medical documentation presented by the claimant and the completed IME, the Board agreed the IME shows the applicant meets the statutory requirements to be granted an Accidental Disability Retirement. However, the IME also states the condition may not be permanent therefore Board Member Jason Hathcock recommended that the application be approved with the stipulation that the applicants’ condition be reviewed annually.

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Hathcock to approve disability application #09-03 with annual reviews. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously CORP 2010-24

Approval of Normal Retirement – The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval for Normal Retirement benefits for the following applications or defer decision to a later date.

a. Robert Brunson  
b. Maria Martinez  
c. Antonio Redondo Jr.  
d. Delbert Roberts
MOTION: A motion was made by K. Kluge to approve payment of benefits for applications (a-d) for Normal Retirement Benefits. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2010-25

Approval of Survivor Benefits - The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of Survivor benefits for the following application or defer decision to a later date.

a. Dale Schroder – Approval of benefits for surviving spouse Maria

MOTION: A motion was made by J. Hathcock to approve payment of benefits for application (a) for Survivor Benefits. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2010-26

Approval of Membership – The Local Board may consider and vote on the approval of the following requests for membership or defer decision to a later date.

a. Eric Abeyta 04/19/10 (Yavapai)
b. Angela Bailey 04/19/10 (Coconino)

MOTION: A motion was made by K. Kluge to approve the (2) employees requesting membership into CORP. Motion was seconded and passed unanimously. CORP 2010-27

General Discussion

The Board reviewed the meeting schedule and agreed to schedule an additional meeting for July 22, 2010 at 10:00am.

Call to Public

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