

# Blue Ridge Fire District

## PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL BOARD

MINUTES of Board Meeting held August 16, 2023

### 1. Call to Order

Chairperson Mike Bourne called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. ROLL CALL

Chuck Buddle	Present
Brandon Sewell	Absent
Ryan MacNeal	Present
Mike Bourne	Present

### 4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to adopt the Agenda. Mr. Buddle so moved; Mr. MacNeal seconded. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**

### 5. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion approve the Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2022. Mr. Buddle made a Motion; Mr. MacNeal seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**

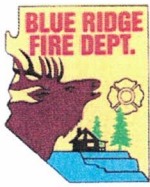
- b. Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to discuss and possible action to nominate Judy Varns, as Community Member, to the PSPRS Local Board of Directors to fulfill a four-year term ending October 31, 2024. Mr. Bourne made a Motion. Mr. MacNeal seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**

Ms. Varns accepted the appointed Community Member position and took the Oath of Office. Mr. Bourne reminded Ms. Varns of the mandatory training requirements of PSPRS.

- c. Chairperson Mike Bourne asked for a Motion to discuss and possible action re: the status of the Medical Retirement Fire Fighter. Mr. Bourne made a Motion; Mrs. MacNeal seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

**The Motion passed.**



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Discussion took place re: the option of hiring Paula Lantsberger, MD, MPH, FACOEM to facilitate an intrinsic investigative MRI of the Medical Retirement Fire Fighter. The estimated cost of this medical service will be between \$7K and \$10K, will take three or four months, and the expense must be approved by the District Board. For taxpayers of the District due diligence is necessary and per Arizona Revised Statutes, this issue must be reviewed five years from the incident. We're four years in, so this would be a proper time to initiate this particular MRI.

Mr. Buddle made a Motion to recommend to the District Board to hire a high-level MRI doctor to facilitate an examination and review of records of the Medical Retirement Fire Fighter and establish whether they are capable of working.

Mr. MacNeal seconded the Motion. All voted yes.

**This Motion passed.**

Mr. Buddle volunteered to take the joint lead on this assignment with Mr. Bourne.

- d. The unfunded liability at PSPRS, per the 2022 Actuarial, is \$512,520. Since that time \$300K has been paid towards this liability. Tier 3 Employees are fully fund.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectively submitted:

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Beth Wise, Secretary