



**Yuma County Sheriff's Office
Public Safety Personnel Retirement System
Local Board Meeting**

May 29, 2026

Members present: Darren Simmons
Joshua Farias
Dave McDowell
Kenneth Thrailkill

Member absent: Patricia Ogden

Others: Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Yesenia Duenas, YCSO HR
Lesli Sorensen, Board's Attorney

A meeting of the local board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held Friday, May 29, 2026, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

1. Action to approve April 13, 2026, minutes.

The board reviewed the minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting. Sgt. Thrailkill motioned to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026 meeting. Sgt. Farias seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

2. Action to approve April 12, 2026, executive session minutes

The board reviewed the executive session minutes of the April 13, 2026, meeting. Sgt. Thrailkill motioned to approve April 13, 2026, executive session minutes. Sgt. Farias seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

3. Discussion and possible action – Accidental Disability Application by August Turner

Attorney Sorensen provided a brief summary of the board's action from the April 13, 2026, meeting; she stated the board voted to table the application for additional medical records to be submitted. The local board received additional medical records, however, there seems to be no medical records/services after December 2025. In addition, the medical records didn't indicate if her Primary Care Provider (PCP) submitted medical records to the referral provider. Attorney Sorensen mentioned she had some questions for Ms. Turner.

Ms. Turner did not attend this meeting. The board members asked if Ms. Turner mentioned she would be attending the meeting. The secretary advised the local board member that Ms. Turner received the notification letter and responded with a thank you. Ms. Turner didn't indicate either way, if she was going to be present or absent. The secretary further mentioned in the notification letter indicates she is welcome to attend the meeting.

Sgt. Thrailkill stated he believes Ms. Turner's records are incomplete. The attorney asked if the board wanted to discuss Ms. Turner's specific medical records and the secretary asked if they wanted to

seek legal advice to enter an executive session; all the board members agreed. Sgt. Thrailkill motioned to enter an executive session. Sgt. Farias seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The local board entered an executive session with the board's attorney for legal advice from 10:06 a.m. - 10:16 a.m.

The local board members reconvened. Chairman Simmons called the meeting into regular session at 10:16 a.m.

Sgt. Thrailkill motion to table the application for 90 days to allow Ms. Turner to provide the results from the PCP to the referral provider. Sgt. Farias seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0. Attorney Sorensen stated the board can ask for any medical records still needed from Ms. Turner. The requested additional records can be outlined in a letter. The attorney also offered to review the new medical records when submitted prior to scheduling the next meeting.

4. Discussion of current events.

The board had no comments and/or questions about current events.

5. Possible set date for next meeting.

Chairman Simmons advised possible meeting may be end of August. Once the secretary obtains the additional medical documentation from Ms. Turner, a meeting will be scheduled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board