Yuma County Sheriff's Office
Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board
Special Meeting
March 02, 2021

Members present: Darren Simmons
Dave McDowell
Israel Navarro
Patricia Ogden

Members absent: Amaron Hand

Others present: Norazel Mejia-Rico, Secretary
Yesenia Duenas, YCSO Employee

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Retirement Plan was held Tuesday, March 02, 2021, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2020 special meeting. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the October 21, 2020 minutes as presented. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business
None

New Business
The secretary advised the board members of the re-employment hire of Ms. Jessie Murrietta. She informed the local board of Ms. Murrietta’s previous dates of employment, her effective retirement date, and that she retired as a Detention Officer (DO). She further advised she was re-hired on January 25, 2021 as a Senior Security Control Officer (Sr. SCO), which is considered as a civilian position and is under the Arizona State Retirement System. She then explained the duties of the Senior Security Control Officer’s position and advised they have no direct contact with prisoners as they work inside Master Control (camera room). She further stated Sr. SCO are not considered as a CORP designated position. The secretary briefly advised the board members they had a return to work packet. The packet included the following: 1) Letter from the Sheriff’s Office dated February 02, 2021; 2) Job Descriptions for Detention Officer and Senior Security Control Officer; 3) Ms. Murrietta’s job application; 4) CORP’s website information, Hiring Retirees and Working after Retirement; 5) CORP Return to Work Acknowledgement Form (FORM C16); and 6) Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) 38-884 (Membership of retirement plan; termination; credit service; redemption; reemployment), and A.R.S. 38-881 (Definitions). Mr. McDowell motioned to approve continuation of Ms. Murrietta’s pension benefit, as her re-employment meets the criteria. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

New Members: The secretary advised the board members of the new Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) members: Yennifer Arcos Samaniego, Ricardo Rivera Zavala, and Estevan Torres, their date of hire 10/26/20; Andres Chavez Jr., date of hire 11/02/20; Natanael Aguilar Gonzalez, date of hire 11/09/20; Carlos Ornelas Rubio, date of hire 12/13/20; Aaron Combs, date of hire 12/14/20; Melissa Arviso and Peter Lopez Jr., their date of hire 12/28/20; Javier Mendoza Diaz and Michelle Nunez, their
date of hire 01/04/21; Alejandro Reyes and David Rodriguez, their date of hire 01/11/21; Angel Cisneros,
date of hire 01/25/21; Jonathan Campoverde and Jason Wiler, their date of hire 02/22/21. Their medical
evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical conditions. Letters of pre-existing condition(s) were
sent to Yennifer Arcos Samaniego, Estevan Torres, Andres Chavez Jr., Natanael Aguilar Gonzalez, Carlos
Ornelas Rubio, Aaron Combs, Peter Lopez Jr., Michelle Nunez, Alejandro Reyes, Angel Cisneros, and
Jason Wiler on February 24, 2021. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the new CORP members. DO
Navarro seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Separated Members: The secretary advised the board members that the following CORP
member(s) have separated from employment with the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office: Aaron Combs, date
of separation 11/17/20; Nathaniel Hand, date of separation 11/19/20; Antolin Duran, date of separation
11/27/20; Kody Keller, date of separation 12/01/20; Eduardo Cardenas, date of separation 12/03/20;
Aurelio Mendoza, date of separation 01/03/2021; Alexis Soto, date of separation 01/06/21; Mark Garay,
date of separation 01/20/21; Cristian Figueroa Torres, date of separation 01/21/21, Cecilia Pimentel, date
of separation 02/11/21, and Miguel Rodriguez, date of separation 02/14/21. Mr. McDowell motioned to
approve CORP member that have separated from employment with Yuma County Sheriff’s Office. Ms.
Ogden seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The board members reviewed FY2021 First Quarter Newsletter of the Public Safety Personnel
Retirement System (PSPRS). The secretary advised the board members PSPRS has rebuilt their
accounting team and has hired five (5) additional certified public accountants. They also hired twenty
(20) staff members to bring the vacancy rate of 25 percent down to nearly zero. PSPRS Advisory
Committee approved changes to the actuarial formulas and timelines. The changes will address
unfunded liabilities, increase employer contributions in the short-term, whereas, it will impact on reducing
future employer’s cost. She also informed the board members that the consolidated reports can be
viewed on the PSPRS financial reporting webpage. The funding level for PSPRS slightly increased to 48%,
Elected Official Retirement Plan (EORP) increased to 34.3%, while Corrections Officer Retirement Plan fell
to 54.1%. Contributions rates for PSPRS and CORP, Tier 1 and Tier 2 will increase, and PSPRS/EORP will
remain the same. For the second consecutive year, PSPRS was recognized as an elite private equity
investor and was ranked eighth out of 176 pension plans. Although asset classes have been hit hard due
to the pandemic, private credit and venture capital have done well, especially international equities,
energy and real estate. She further advised that the County and City of Yuma also entered similar
agreements to pay their unfunded liabilities in December. Yuma County paid $35 million and the City of
Yuma paid $160 million. With both entities combined, savings is estimated at $80 million. Lastly, she
advised PSPRS Cancer Claims will be paid out by the employer in order to comply with Federal Internal
Revenue Service. PSPRS will pay the employer, then the employer will pay the employee. The local
board had no additional comments and/or questions regarding the newsletter.

Current Events: The board members had no comments and/or questions.

The next meeting was originally scheduled for June 9th, 2021 at 3:15 p.m., however, Chairman
Simmons will not be available. The board members agree to reschedule the meeting for June 23, 2021,
at 3:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Norazeli Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board