Yuma County Sheriff's Office
Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board
Special Meeting
June 18, 2020

Members present: Darren Simmons
Amarion Hand
Dave McDowell
Patricia Ogden

Members absent: Jesus Solis Jr. (Resigned)

Others present: Noraziel Mejia-Rico, Secretary

A special meeting of the Local Board of the Yuma County Sheriff's Office Corrections Officer Retirement Plan was held Thursday, June 18, 2020, at the Yuma County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Simmons called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The board reviewed the minutes of the April 29, 2020 special meeting. Ms. Ogden motioned to approve the April 29, 2020 minutes as presented. DO Hand seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Old Business
None

New Business
The secretary advised the board members of the re-employment hire of Mr. Ruben Amaya. She informed the local board of Mr. Amaya's previous dates of employment, his effective retirement date, and that he retired as a Detention Officer (DO). She further advised he was re-hired on February 24, 2020 as a Security Control Officer (SCO), which is considered as a civilian position and is under the Arizona State Retirement System. She then explained the duties of the Security Control Officer's position and advised they have no direct contact with prisoners and is not considered as a CORP designated position. The secretary briefly went over the return to work information packet. The packet included the following: 1) CORP's website information, Hiring Retirees and Working after Retirement; 2) CORP Return to Work Acknowledgement Form (FORM C16); and 3) Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S) 38-884 (Membership of retirement plan; termination; credit service; redemption; reemployment), and Statute 38-881 (Definitions). The secretary read the 1st paragraph of A.R.S. 38-884.N. to the local board and briefly explained the statute. She further explained under CORP, the emphasis is returning to work in a CORP designated position within a time frame, whereas, the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) is returning to work in any capacity. She also explained that if a former employee was rehired in a CORP designated position, then he/she would need to meet the 12-month break in service, and the employer would pay the alternate contribution rate (ACR). The secretary advised she had called the Phoenix Office to ensure she understood the return to work statute and was guided that all rehires regardless of their break in service time frame should be presented to the board, as rehires may also be eligible to receive medical subsidy. After a discussion, Mr. McDowell motioned to approve continuation of Mr. Amaya’s pension benefit, as his re-employment meets the criteria. Ms. Ogden seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

The secretary advised the board members of the re-employment hire of Mr. Henry Hernandez. She informed the local board of Mr. Hernandez's previous dates of employment, his effective retirement date, and that he retired as a Detention Lieutenant. She further advised he was re-hired on May 26, 2020, as an Administrative Manager, which is considered as a civilian position and is under the Arizona State Retirement
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System. The secretary explained the duties of the Administrative Manager’s position and advised this position has no direct contact with prisoners. She also advised this position is not considered in a CORP designated position. After a brief discussion, Ms. Ogden motioned to approve continuation of Mr. Hernandez’s normal retirement pension benefit, as his re-employment meets the return to work requirements under statute 38-884. Mr. McDowell seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

New Members: The secretary advised the board members of the new Corrections Officer Retirement Plan (CORP) members: Adrianna Del Rio and Erika Maciel Pacheco, their date of hire 04/27/20; Joann Montejano Rodriguez, Alejandra Nolasco-Vazquez, Raul Paz Jr., and Kathryn Reaves, their date of hire 05/04/20; Elisa Sandoval Verdugo, date of hire 05/26/20; and Aurelio Mendoza, date of hire 06/01/20. Their medical evaluations were reviewed for pre-existing medical conditions. Letters of pre-existing condition(s) were sent to Alejandra Nolasco-Vazquez, Kathryn Reaves, Elisa Sandoval Verdugo, and Aurelio Mendoza on June 12, 2020. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the new CORP members and acknowledge pre-existing conditions. DO Hand seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

Separated Members: The secretary advised the board members that the following CORP members have separated employment with the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office: Oscar Delgado Rangel, date of separation 04/24/20, Ricardo Sandoval, date of separation 05/30/20, and Jesus Solis Jr., date of separation June 12, 2020. Mr. McDowell motioned to approve the CORP members that separated employment with the Yuma County Sheriff’s Office. DO Hand seconded. The motion carried 4 to 0.

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

The secretary advised the board members of an upcoming retirement in late September. She requested if the meeting can be scheduled for September 23, 2020 instead of September 9, 2020. The board members agreed and scheduled the next quarterly meeting for September 23, 2020, at 3:15 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.

Norazel B. Mejia-Rico, Secretary of the Board