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Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Local Board Meeting
February 16th, 2021, 2:00 pm
PVPD Auditorium

Jameson Van Houten called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

Item 1 – Roll Call

Present – Jameson Van Houten, Keith Wong, Fernando Iacona, Michael Horn, Raja Karim, Andrew Apodaca, Jinnett Hancock, Sarah Zumbo.

Item 2 – Legal Advice

Jameson Van Houten made a motion to go into executive session at 2:05 pm to receive legal advice. Motion was seconded by Michael Horn and passed unanimously.

Michael Horn moved to end the executive session at 2:41 pm. Motion was seconded by Fernando Iacona and passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Introduction of Guests

Ellen Andeen, Caroline Pilch, Sara Plotnik, Susan Sobek

Item 4 – Approval of Minutes from meeting of January 5th, 2021

Michael Horn made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 5th, 2020. Motion was seconded by Keith Wong and passed unanimously.

Item 6a – Review and discussion on membership of Jake Arcamo

Raja Karim made a motion to accept the membership and to table review and determination of any pre-existing conditions. The motion was seconded by Fernando Iacona and passed unanimously.

Item 6b - Review and discussion on disability application of Sara Plotnik

Michael Horn made a motion to approve Sara Plotnik's Application for Accidental Disability dated January 7, 2021, based upon the evidence provided by the examination of January 14, 2021, as set forth in the Independent Medical Examination Report of that date, and PSPRS Questionnaire completed by Grant Padley, D.O, which demonstrate that as to the lower extremity injury, Officer Plotnik does meet all of the statutory qualifications for an Accidental Disability with a commencement date of February 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Raja Karim and passed unanimously.

Michael Horn made a motion to approve Sara Plotnik's Application for Accidental Disability dated January 7, 2021, based upon the evidence provided by the examination of January 14, 2021, as set forth in the Independent Medical Examination Report of that date, and PSPRS Questionnaire completed by Grant Padley, D.O, which demonstrate that as to the upper extremity injury, Officer Plotnik does meet all of the statutory qualifications for an Accidental Disability with a commencement date of February 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Raja Karim and passed unanimously.

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Michael Horn made a motion to submit a finding of fact that under A.R.S. §38-844(b), that Sara Plotnik's application for accidental disability, dated January 7, 2021, was filed timely, based on the Board's previous finding that January 15, 2020 was the last date on

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which she received compensation and sick leave payments. The motion was seconded by Raja Karim and passed unanimously.

Item 6c – Review and discussion on application for survivor benefits for Ronald Sobek
Michael Horn made a motion to submit a finding of fact that Ms. Sobek does meet the definition of a “surviving spouse” under A.R.S. §38-846. The motion was seconded by Raja Karim and passed unanimously.

Michael Horn made a motion to submit a finding of fact that under A.R.S. §38-860, the Sobek’s Consent Decree of Legal Separation was never submitted to PSPRS and therefore is not a plan approved Domestic Relations Order. The motion was seconded by Fernando Iacona and passed unanimously.

Michael Horn made a motion to approve the application for survivors benefits by Susan Sobek dated October 14, 2020, regarding the system benefits of retired member Ronald Sobek, with an effective date of September 30, 2020 based on our finding of fact that the Consent Decree of Legal Separation is not a plan approved Domestic Relations Order and cannot affect Ms. Sobek’s entitlement to benefits, and A.R.S. §38-847(E), which does not allow this board to create additional requirements for survivor benefits applicants. The motion was seconded by Raja Karim and passed unanimously.

Item 5a – Review and discussion on board rules and procedures

Michael Horn made a motion to table this item for a future meeting. The motion was seconded by Fernando Iacona and passed unanimously

Item 7 – Discussion Items

There were no discussion items this meeting.

Item 8 – Motion to Adjourn

Raja Karim moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 pm. Motion was seconded by Keith Wong and passed unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled quarterly meeting is May 18, 2021 at 2:00 pm.