The Public Safety Retirement Board of Pima County, Arizona met in session on the 1st floor board conference room at 130 W Congress, Tucson, AZ at 8:30 a.m. June 1st, 2022

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:
- Ms. Jennifer Cabrera – Telephonically
- Mr. Michael Hellon
- Mr. Leo Duffner
- Lt. Costaki Manoleas
- Sgt. Hans Goritz

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:
- Attorney: David McEvoy
- Secretary: Robin Jobst
- Ms. Merle Joy Turchik

Ms. Cabrera, chair of the board convened the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Item 1 on the agenda was a Roll Call. Attendance as listed above with Ms. Cabrera appearing telephonically and Mr. Hellon leaving the meeting at 8:57 am.

Item 2 on the agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3 on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the meeting held on 05/04/22. Lt. Manoleas motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Sgt. Goritz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the discussion and possible action on an email from Pima County HR Director Cathy Bohland regarding a retired PSPRS member being able to contribute to ASRS. The board discussed the email and there was not a pending matter before the board. Mr. Hellon made the motion to direct board counsel to respond to Ms. Bohland's email advising that it is not the boards matter to decide and the Ms. Bohland should consult her own legal counsel. Lt. Manoleas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5 on the agenda was the discussion and possible action regarding the request for a Rehearing on the Application for Accidental Disability Retirement for Manuel van Santen. Ms. Turchik who represents Deputy van Santen addressed the board and requested that the board reverse the decision denying the application based on a supplemental letter submitted by Ms. J Miller indicating that Deputy van Santen's injury is work related. Ms. Turchik also spoke to the declaration of Deputy van Santen that he has been off work due to PTSD. Ms. Turchik discussed the state statute that pertains to accidental disability application as well as the supplement letter from Ms. Miller. Mr. McEvoy then spoke to the board regarding the different court cases that
pertain to determining an accidental disability based on a mental condition for PSPRS. Mr. McEvoy also discussed Ms. Miller’s original report from March 24, 2022 where there were multiple events in Deputy van Santen’s life that has caused him stress. The board then discussed how social media may affect the job and that the original decision was based on a litany of incidents. The Board asked Ms. Turchik if the group home incident was the contributing factor and she states yes along with the news and social media attention. Ms. Turchik also stated that Deputy van Santen cannot respond to certain calls because of his condition. There followed more discussion by the board regarding the request. Lt. Manoleas made the motion to grant the rehearing and set aside the board’s prior decision. Sgt. Goritz seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Sgt. Goritz made a motion to send Deputy van Santen for an independent medical evaluation. Motion seconded by Lt. Manoleas. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Duffner made the final motion to amend the answer to question #8 on the P5-LB-A to yes. Lt. Manoleas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 6 was the call to the public. There was none.

Lt. Manoleas moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Duffner. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

Robin Jobst
Secretary