

**Draft Minutes 03/06/19**  
**Approved 04/03/19**

The Corrections Officer Retirement Board of Pima County, Arizona met in session on March 6, 2019. The meeting was held in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor conference room at 130 W. Congress, Tucson, AZ.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Leo Duffner  
John Fink  
Michael Escobar  
Mary Scott

**VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Keith Bagwell

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

David A. McEvoy, Board Attorney  
Jaime Carpenter, CORP Board Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. by Mr. Duffner.

Item 1 on the agenda was a Roll Call. Attendance, as listed above.

Item 2 on the agenda was the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3 on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the board meeting held on 02/06/19. Mr. Escobar moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 4 on the agenda was the Application for Separation – Refund (CORP) for Berlinda Cutbirth (retirement eligible). Mr. Escobar moved to approve the application. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 5 on the agenda was a read-in by the board secretary of the Nationwide DC Plan refund request for Luis Ochoa.

Item 6 on the agenda was the Application for Normal Retirement for Byron Seeley, effective 04/01/19 with 32 years of service. Mr. Escobar moved to approve the application. Ms. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Item 7 on the agenda was discussion and possible action regarding the selection of the assistant CORP board secretary and compensation for both secretarial positions. Mr. Fink reviewed with the CORP board members the discussion at the PSPRS meeting regarding the topic, which was a review of the applicants, the results of the interviews and the selection of Ms. Tiffany Smetak as the assistant secretary. Mr. Fink reiterated that he did not vote in favor of having Ms. Benge be the secretary for both boards because the current structure of having a different secretary for each

board was working well for the board, the plan members and the employer. Additionally, he reminded the board that the new structure adds an unnecessary expense of paying an assistant. A discussion then followed regarding the salary structure, training and possible transition of the assistant secretary to the fulltime secretary of the CORP board. Ms. Carpenter announced her official resignation from the board effective 03/08/19. Mr. Fink moved to hire Ms. Smetak as the assistant secretary for the board, with a salary of \$300.00 per month [both boards combined], beginning in April 2019. The motion also included having Ms. Bengé be the primary secretary for the CORP board with a monthly salary of \$600.00 per month [for each board] beginning in April 2019. He further moved that after an undetermined period of time and training the assistant could potentially transition to become the primary secretary for the CORP board. Mr. Escobar seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


Item 8 on the agenda was a review of pending legislation and discussion as needed. Mr. Fink provided copies to the board of HB2190, introduced by Representative Payne amending A.R.S. §38-881. Mr. Fink also provided a copy of his communications with Rep. Payne regarding the board's opinion that CORP statutory definition of "accidental disability" in A.R.S. §38-881 mirror that of the PSPRS statute, A.R.S. §38-842. Specifically, A.R.S. §38-881 currently reads in part, "performing a reasonable range of duties within the employee's department" versus the PSPRS statute (§38-842), which reads in part, "performing a reasonable range of duties within the employee's job description". After a brief discussion, Mr. Fink moved to direct Mr. McEvoy to contact PSPRS/CORP representatives and/or legal counsel to advocate for the passage of HB 2190, but as changed to mirror the language in A.R.S. §38-842, which will help clarify the accidental disability standard in A.R.S. §33-881.

Item 9 on the agenda was a review of correspondence with the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan. The secretary reviewed an email from PSPRS dated 02/21/19 regarding the service purchase changes and subsequent refunds.

Item 10 on the agenda was other board business. Ms. Carpenter updated the board about the potential Guardian Benefit Application for the legally adopted child of Mr. Andrew Wiley, who passed away in January 2019. Ms. Carpenter then reviewed the transition memo prepared for Ms. Bengé notating current and pending items related to CORP board to assist after her resignation from the board. Ms. Carpenter reported the official appointment of Mr. John Fink by the Board of Supervisors to the Merit Commission, and subsequently the CORP Board.

Item 11 was a call to the public. There was no member of the public present.

Thereafter, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

  
Jaime K. Carpenter, Secretary