

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES FOR CORRECTIONS OFFICER RETIREMENT PLAN LOCAL BOARD ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



March 2, 2023



A public meeting of the Corrections Officer Retirement Plan Local Board for the Arizona Department of Corrections Rehabilitation and Reentry (ADCRR) was convened **Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** at the **Arizona Department of Corrections, 1831 West Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007**, in the Training Room, on the 2nd floor.

The Board may discuss/vote on items at any time, the Board may enter into Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (2) to obtain legal advice and pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03 (A) (3) to discuss details of a confidential nature.

Present at the meeting were the following individuals:

Mario Chavez, Board Chairman	Sean Malone, Board Member
Lori Stickley, Board Member (Conferenced in)	Kyle Cummings, Assistant Attorney General
Judy Frigo, Board Member (Conferenced in)	
Sandra Moreno, Board Secretary, Retirement Specialist	Karen Ray, Board Secretary, Retirement Specialist
Guests	
Alexandra Benlein	

I. CALL TO ORDER – CORP Local Board Meeting called to order by Mario Chavez at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL TAKEN

1. The individuals listed in the above table were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Public Meeting Minutes for February 2, 2023.

MOTION 03-02-01	
Motion:	Approval of February 2, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes
Moved by:	Judy Frigo
Seconded by:	Sean Malone
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Frigo – aye, Malone – aye, Stickley – aye, Chavez – aye
Motion:	Passed

III. REQUEST TO REMAIN IN ASRS/CORP:

The following waiver applications have been filed and are presented for Local Board consideration:

Chairman Chavez stated the Board would be voting on waiver applications 1 through 3 and Board Member Frigo inquired as to why not number 4. Chairman Chavez stated Board waiver application 4 would be handled separately, and that Board Member Malone would be abstaining from voting on waiver application 4.

1. **David Padilla** is requesting to remain in ASRS; he has 8.00 years of service. He accepted a CORP position as a Correctional Officer I, effective January 30, 2023.
2. **Coletta Fritzsche** is requesting to remain in CORP; she has 10.557 years of service. She promoted to an ASRS position as a Program Project Specialist II, effective January 7, 2023.
3. **Steven G. Lauchner** is requesting to remain in ASRS; he has 13.08 years of service. He accepted a CORP position as a Deputy Director Chief of Staff, effective February 18, 2023.

MOTION 03-02-02	
Motion:	Approval of request by David Padilla to remain in ASRS, approval of request by Coletta Fritzsche to remain in CORP, and approval of request by Steven G. Lauchner to remain in ASRS.
Moved by:	Judy Frigo
Seconded by:	Sean Malone
Discussion:	
In Favor:	Frigo – aye, Malone – aye, Stickley – aye, Chavez – aye
Motion:	Passed

4. **Danielle M. Deneault** is requesting to remain in CORP; she has 5.50 years of service. She accepted an ASRS position as a Program Specialist, effective March 4, 2023.

Board Member Frigo asked if there was a ruling or stipulation that the member only has 5.5 years in CORP. Assistant Attorney General Cummings stated that his understanding was that the member would need a minimum of 5 years and by statute she is just over the threshold in terms of time. Board Member Frigo asked if there was anything else to be considered before a motion was made. Board Member Malone stated he was going to need to abstain from this vote. Board Member Frigo inquired if the Board still had a quorum with just three members and Assistant Attorney General Cummings stated yes.

MOTION 03-02-03	
Motion:	Approval of request by Danielle M. Deneault to remain in CORP.
Moved by:	Judy Frigo
Seconded by:	Lori Stickley
Discussion:	Sean Malone abstained from the vote. After the voting on this Motion, Assistant Attorney General Cummings asked Chairman Chavez if the Chairman had voted on the matter, and the Chairman indicated that he had.
In Favor:	Frigo – aye, Stickley – aye, Chavez – aye, Malone – abstain
Motion:	Passed

IV. GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. Chairman Chavez stated the next Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2023. Chairman Chavez, Board Members Malone, Frigo and Stickley stated they will be in attendance.
2. Discussion was held on the PSPRS Annual Employer-Local Board Conference which was held on March 1, 2023: Chairman Chavez commented on the PSPRS' annual conference held on March 1, 2023, that it was good information and the fund is solid. Assistant Attorney General Cummings stated that a review was conducted and PSRPS was one of the best retirement systems in the country. Chairman Chavez further said that during the conference it was stated that another Board, in the future, was going to add someone to it from Corrections. Board Secretary Ray indicated that it was a Committee. Assistant Attorney General Cummings then inquired about someone from CORP being on an advisory committee.

V. CALL TO PUBLIC

No public comment.

Chairman Chavez adjourned the meeting at 10:06 A.M.

Transcribed on **March 2, 2023**

Karen Ray, Board Secretary, Pension Specialist