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PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL RETIREMENT SYSTEM LOCAL BOARD MEETING

Station #1 • 2860 Southwest Drive • Sedona, AZ
Monday, November 9, 2026 • 2:00 PM • Multi-purpose Room

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

A. Salute to the flag of the United States of America and Board Member Roll Call

Pursuant to notice, a regular meeting of the Sedona Fire District (SFD) Public Safety Personnel Retirement System (PSPRS) Local Board was called to order by Chairperson Helen McNeal at 2:06 PM on Monday, November 9, 2026. A quorum was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, proceeded with business. Ms. McNeal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Board Member Roll Call

Board Present: Helen McNeal, Board Chairperson; Greg Eberlein, Member (via Zoom), and Craig Cushenberry, Member; Kai Kincheloe, Member was absent.

Others Present: Keona Freeman, SFD HR Manager (Board Secretary *back up*); Gwen Witherspoon, SFD Employee; One member of public; Christi Weigand Local Board Secretary was absent.

II. OATH OF OFFICE: John Rodriguez, New Board Member

Helen McNeal, Board Chairperson, appointed John Rodriguez as the new Sedona Fire District PSPRS Local Board public member. Mr. Rodriguez was administered the Oath of Office.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. September 23, 2026, SFD PSPRS Local Board Meeting Minutes

Helen McNeal, Board Chairperson, called for a motion to approve the September 23, 2026 ,SFD PSPRS Local Board minutes. Craig Cushenberry, Board Member, moved to approve. John Rodriguez, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

IV. MEMBERSHIP UPDATES

The Board was advised that Joseph Pace, Firefighter, entered DROP effective October 23, 2026. Notably, Mr. Pace has been employed by the Sedona Fire District and a PSPRS member for 21 years.

V. REGULAR BUSINES

A. **Discussion/Possible Action:** Formally accept newly hired SFD Firefighters into PSPRS system, review Declarations of Pre-Existing Conditions, if any:

- Kiona Allen, Firefighter
- Benjamin Behlow, Firefighter
- Cody Ingram, Firefighter
- Alexander Silva, Firefighter

Ms. McNeal asked if the Board had questions or comments regarding the new hires' applications and supporting documentation. Mr. Cushenberry stated that he had reviewed the packet and acknowledged the applicants' physical status as documented. Following its review, the Board determined that all four applicants met PSPRS membership eligibility requirements.

Ms. McNeal moved to accept the newly hired SFD firefighters, Kiona Allen, Benjamin Behlow, Cody Ingram, and Alexander Silva into PSPRS under SFD. Craig Cushenberry, Board Member, seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed by the Board.

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B. **Discussion**: Helen McNeal, Board Chairperson, requested that the next Board meeting should be scheduled for January 2027 to review SFD's PSPRS Actuarial Report for June 30, 2026.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.

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Helen McNeal, SFD Local Board Chairperson Date

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