

**YUMA POLICE DEPARTMENT
LOCAL RETIREMENT BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON JULY 14, 2021**

A meeting of the Yuma Police Department Local Retirement Board for the Public Safety Personnel Retirement System was held on July 14, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Yuma Police Department Substation.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Morgan Patterson
Lieutenant Robert Conley, Board Secretary
William Craft
Jillian Attaway
Councilmember Michael Shelton, Chairman
Nickolas Davis

OTHERS PRESENT

Karina Banuelos, Recorder
Monica Welch
Nathan Townsend
Carina Townsend
Cynthia Kelley, Attorney
Henry Valenzuela
Isacc Almodova
Jorge Lee
Miguel Preciado
Tori Bourguignon

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Board Secretary Robert Conley
2. Board Secretary Conley acknowledged Nathan Townsend, Carina Townsend, Henry Valenzuela, Isacc Almodova, Jorge Lee, Miguel Preciado, Tori Bourguignon and Cynthia Kelley, PSPRS Attorney, who were present for the Yuma Police Department Board meeting.
3. Board Secretary Conley announced and welcomed our new Board Member, Detective Nickolas Davis. Nickolas Davis' term will be effective on 8/31/2021, after Board Secretary Robert Conley's term expires. Board Secretary Conley also mentioned that Sergeant Morgan Patterson will be the Board Secretary once his term expires in August.
4. The minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting were presented for approval; there were no changes.

Jillian Attaway moved;
William Craft seconded,

To approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021 meeting as presented.

The motion carried unanimously by Board Secretary R. Conley, William Craft, Jillian Attaway, Chairman Michael Shelton and Morgan Patterson.

5. Board Secretary Conley discussed that Police Officer Luis Leyva was no longer employed by YPD. His last day of work was on 06/24/21.
6. Board Secretary Conley allowed the guests to speak on behalf of Nathan Townsend. The first one to speak was Lieutenant Henry Valenzuela. Lieutenant Henry Valenzuela stated he works for the Yuma Police Department and that Nathan Townsend was an excellent employee when he worked for him as a detective for the Child and Family Crimes Division. Lieutenant Henry Valenzuela stated Nathan Townsend did a really good job handling the cases. He went on to explain how Nathan Townsend saw about ten times more cases involving children than any other person would.

The second guest to speak on behalf of Nathan Townsend was Tori Bourguignon. Tori Bourguignon works at Amberly's Place and is the counselor for the peer support team for the Yuma Police Department. Tori Bourguignon stated that when you put a detective in front of the screen and show him images of abused children, it takes a toll on them. She stated that detectives begin to feel helpless if things don't end how they want to. That it starts to affect them in their personal life at home and even with their partner. Tori Bourguignon stated that Nathan Townsend gave every ounce of himself to his job while at the Yuma Police Department.

7. Board Secretary Conley presented the consideration for Accidental Medical Retirement Application of Nathan Townsend. Board Secretary Conley stated Nathan Townsend submitted his application and is requesting approval for medical retirement.

Board Member Morgan Patterson requested to send Nathan Townsend for an Independent Medical Examination with a letter to the IME doctor to determine if it's an ARS 38-844 D2 concern.

William Craft moved;
Jillian Attaway seconded,

Board Secretary R. Conley, William Craft, Morgan Patterson and Jillian Attaway approved the motion. Chairman Michael Shelton disapproved the motion.

8. Board Secretary Conley stated that we will need to have another Board meeting sometime in September.
9. Call to Public
There were no public speakers
10. Board Secretary Conley stated that he would entertain a motion to move into Executive Session for the following:
1. IME Review

The Board entered into Executive Session at 1:17 p.m. and the Board exited Executive Session at 1:59 p.m.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.



Lieutenant Robert Conley
Board Secretary