

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CHINO VALLEY
THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025
1:00 PM**

PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM | 1982 VOSS DRIVE #201 | CHINO VALLEY, ARIZONA 86323

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Chair Armstrong called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

Present: Chair Tom Armstrong, Board Member Cheryl Romley, Board Member Deana Winn,
Board Member Jon Szymanski

Absent: Board Member Dean Keller

Staff Present: Human Resources Director Laura Kyriakakis, Attorney Nicholas Cornelius -
remote

Others Present: Officer Joseph Pelano (arrived at 1:31 p.m.)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consideration and possible action to approve the April 17, 2025, special meeting minutes.

There was no discussion on this item.

MOVED by Board Member Deana Winn, seconded by Board Member Jon Szymanski to approve the April 17, 2025, special meeting minutes.

AYE: Chair Tom Armstrong, Board Member Cheryl Romley, Board Member Deana Winn, Board Member Jon Szymanski

NAY: None

4 - 0 Passed – Unanimously

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept the disability application for Joseph Pelano and order an independent medical evaluation.

Laura Kyriakakis, Human Resources Director, presented the following:

- She stated that Mr. Pelano was not present, but he did plan on attending some portion of the public portion of the meeting, but understands he cannot attend the Executive Session at 1:06 p.m.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOVED by Board Member Cheryl Romley, seconded by Board Member Deana Winn to enter Executive Session.

AYE: Chair Tom Armstrong, Board Member Cheryl Romley, Board Member Deana Winn, Board Member Jon Szymanski

NAY: None

4 - 0 Passed – Unanimously

- a. An executive session for legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3); and pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) for discussion and consideration of records except by law from public inspection with regard to:

- Disability application for Joseph Pelano, originally dated December 2, 2024, and corrected February 24, 2025.

5. OLD BUSINESS RESUMED

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept the disability application for Joseph Pelano and order an independent medical evaluation.

The public portion of the meeting resumed at 1:31 p.m.

Laura Kyriakakis, Human Resources Director, called roll. Members previously noted were still in attendance.

MOVED by Board Member Cheryl Romley, seconded by Board Member Jon Szymanski to accept the disability application from Joseph Pelano.

AYE: Chair Tom Armstrong, Board Member Cheryl Romley, Board Member Deana Winn, Board Member Jon Szymanski

NAY: None

4 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

MOVED by Board Member Cheryl Romley, seconded by Board Member Deana Winn to order an Independent Medical Evaluation for Joseph Pelano.

AYE: Chair Tom Armstrong, Board Member Cheryl Romley, Board Member Deana Winn, Board Member Jon Szymanski

NAY: None

4 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Laura Kyriakakis, Human Resources Director, conveyed to Mr. Pelano that his disability application was accepted by the Board and they have instructed her and the attorney to order an IME for Mr. Pelano. Provided information on possible providers and process.

Mr. Pelano inquired if Ms. Kyriakakis had received his email with an MRI. He stated that he had an appointment for June 4th to get the results of the MRI.

Ms. Kyriakakis stated that she did receive it. She would wait until receiving the results of the MRI to include in the IME packet.

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Board Member Deana Winn, seconded by Board Member Cheryl Romley to adjourn the meeting at 1:36 p.m.

AYE: Chair Tom Armstrong, Board Member Cheryl Romley, Board Member Deana Winn, Board Member Jon Szymanski

NAY: None

4 - 0 Passed - Unanimously

Submitted: June 5, 2025

By: Sara Burchill, Deputy Town Clerk

Approved: September 16, 2025