

**Meeting Minutes of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District Pension Board**

**August 14, 2024 4:00 p.m.**

**Dannels Fire Station, 901 N. St. Vrain Ave., Estes Park, CO 80517**

**Board:** President Ryan Bross, Vice President Brian Tseng, Mike Lewelling, Secretary Dave Hamrick, Chris Buser, CPT Rick Spear, Ryan Leahy

**Staff:** Interim Chief Capo, Assistant Chief Landkamer, Chief of Staff Goetz, Marinda Baxter

**Also Attending:** Lt. Bruchwalski, Robert Goodrum, Michael Barnthouse, Patti Brown

**Absent:** none

The following minutes reflect the order of the agenda and not necessarily the chronological sequence of the meeting.

**President Ryan Bross called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.**

**Chief Capo led the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Recording Secretary Erika Goetz performed roll call – all present**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Captain Rick Spear qualifies for a pension.

**PUBLIC / BOARD COMMENT**

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Dave Hamrick, seconded by Ryan Bross to approve agenda as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Brian Tseng, seconded by Mike Lewelling to approve the 4/10/2024 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion/Presentation Related to FPPA Lifting the Moratorium on Volunteer Pension Plans**

The FPPA committee presented to the board their findings on potentially affiliating with FPPA for the volunteer pension fund. Both Brian Tseng and Captain Spear went through a slide deck they put together outlining fees, returns on investments, pros and cons of affiliating, and Q&A. The committee recommended to the pension board to continue to pursue the possible affiliation by writing a letter that would be disseminated to the membership and current pensioners of a future meeting to get their feedback and give them the ability to ask questions. There was consensus to keep moving forward. Captain Spear to generate the letter to be sent to the membership and pensioners.

**Consideration of R. Goodrum Pension Eligibility for Year 2022**

Captain Rick Spear presented to the board the letter that R. Goodrum provided to him asking to be granted pension credit for year 2022 due to his response and performance. Background was given that the first year of service has not counted in the past as it was considered a probationary year. Discussion was had on if the metrics used were an appropriate standard or if they need to be changed. Consensus was that the active membership policy #301 and the pension policy #185 should be reviewed and updated.

Discussion was had about how many members this situation affects, and it was determined that it affects all members. It was discussed that if this was granted to R. Goodrum that it would open this up to all members and past members and could have a detrimental impact on the pension fund and actuarial.

Motion by Ryan Bross, seconded by Captain Rick Spear to deny the request by R. Goodrum. Motion carried unanimously.


## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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Next Pension Board meeting will be: TBD.

Motion by Captain Spear, seconded by Ryan Leahy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.



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David Hamrick, Secretary

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*"The Mission of the Board of Directors of the Estes Valley Fire Protection District is to establish policy, goals, strategies and financial leadership that are the foundation for the long-term sustainability of the District."*