



**Minutes**  
**Queen Creek Public Safety Retirement Board**  
22350 S. Ellsworth Rd., Queen Creek, AZ  
Council Chambers – Town Hall  
May 24, 2010  
10:30am

**1. Call To Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Barney called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

Board Members present: Board Members Gray, Kross, Reese and Chairman Barney.

Board Member Gale was absent.

Others present: Justin Pierce, Board Attorney; HR Director Bruce Gardner; Board Secretary Jennifer Robinson and HR Specialist Nina Waters.

Steve Springborn, representing the Firefighters Union

Dr. Gerkin

Queen Creek Fire Chief Van Summers

- 2. Public Comment:** Members of the public may address the Board on items not on the printed agenda. Please observe a time limit of three minutes. Note that pursuant to the Arizona Open Meeting Law, members of the Board may not discuss matters raised under this public comment portion of the meeting.

None.

**3. Executive Session**

Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38-431.03(A) the Queen Creek Public Safety Retirement Board may vote to convene in Executive Session to discuss or consider confidential records exempt by law from public inspection concerning matters on the agenda and/or consult with the Board's attorney for legal advice concerning any item on the agenda.

**Motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:31 am.**

The Board meeting reconvened at 10:58am.

**4. Items for Discussion and Possible Action**

A. Consideration and possible approval of the February 22, 2010 Minutes.

**Motion to Approve the February 22, 2010 minutes: Board Member Kross  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Board Member Gray  
Unanimous**

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B. Discussion and possible action on the amended survivor's benefit as line of duty death application of Judy K. Tinkham, spouse of deceased member (Eric Tinkham).

HR Director Bruce Gardner reviewed the Board's prior approval of survivor benefits for Judy Tinkham in August 2009, noting the ability for Judy to file an amended application for a line of duty benefit.

Mr. Gardner stated that three people would provide testimony.

Van Summers, Queen Creek Fire Chief, read a statement of circumstances.

Dr. Gerkin stated he reviewed the 2007 physical (Rural Metro) of Capt. Tinkham; autopsy and death certificate.

Steve Springborn, representing the Firefighter's Union, testified on line-of-duty deaths.

Board Attorney Pierce explained the requirements of the Board to determine the eligibility of benefits including line of duty death.

**Motion to retroactively approve the line of duty death benefit application by Judy K. Tinkham, surviving spouse of Capt. Eric Tinkham: Board Member Reese  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Board Member Gray**

**Vote: Unanimous**

**5. Announcements**

None.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:48am.

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Gail Barney, Chairman

Attest:

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Jennifer F. Robinson, Board Secretary

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I, Jennifer F. Robinson, do hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing Minutes are a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the May 24, 2010 Queen Creek Public Safety Local Fire Pension Board. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and that a quorum was present.

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Jennifer F. Robinson, Board Secretary

Passed and approved on October 12, 2010.