

# Public Safety Memorial Fund Board

## Minutes

### March 9, 2018

The Public Safety Memorial Fund Board held an emergency teleconference meeting on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem, Oregon. Chair Patricia Patrick-Joling called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m.

*Administrative Announcement:  
This is a public meeting and it is being recorded.*

#### **Attendees**

Patricia Patrick-Joling, Chair  
Tricia Connolly  
Brian Wolfe  
Nadine Purington  
Jeff Hering  
Colette Peters

#### **DPSST Staff:**

Linsay Hale, Professional Standards Division Director  
Theresa Janda, Executive Assistant to the Director

#### **1. \*Minutes for July 27, 2017**

Approve minutes for the July 27, 2017 Public Safety Memorial Fund Board meeting.

**Jeff Hering motioned to approve the minutes from the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board meeting held on July 27, 2017. Nadine Purington seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

#### **2. \*Consideration for eligibility of benefits for Malcus Williams (DPSST #33171 Ashland Police Department) – M-1 Application for Benefits**

Linsay Hale reviewed the application for the Board.

Ashland Police Officer Malcus Williams fell ill while on duty and responding to a domestic violence call. Officer Williams tragically passed away shortly after from an apparent heart attack. Due to the recentness of these events, the official incident and autopsy reports were not available. They will be added to the official record once they are finalized and received. Staff has confirmed with Ashland Police Chief, Tyghe O'Meara that the preliminary diagnosis was a heart attack and that Officer Williams was performing regular duties at the time of his death and verified that he was not performing these duties in a negligent manner.

On March 8, 2018 staff received an M-3 notification of death or permanent total disability from Ashland Police Department. We also received an M-1 application for benefits from Ona Williams, the spouse of Officer Williams. Staff has verified that Officer Williams death does fall within the timelines of the Memorial Fund eligibility, that Officer Williams was a Police officer by definition and that Officer Williams' wife, Ona Williams, is an eligible beneficiary for the lump-sum benefit.

***Action Item 1:***

Staff is requesting the Memorial Fund Board members to determine if the death of Officer Malcus Williams is a qualifying death as set forth in ORS 243.954.

**Jeff Hering motioned that the death of Officer Malcus Williams is a qualifying death as set forth in ORS 243.954. Brian Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.**

Linsay Hale stated, that with the Chair's permission, DPSST staff will facilitate the delivery of the check to the Williams family in the very near future. The check will be ordered and we will facilitate with Ashland Police Department and the assigned family liaison for the delivery to Mrs. Williams.

Eriks Gabliks explained to the members of the Public Safety Memorial Fund Board that the reason for the emergency meeting was called in order to get assistance to the family of Officer Williams.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:06 p.m.

**3. Next meeting – TBA**