

ARIZONA METROPOLITAN TRUST
Final – Minutes of Thursday, January 07, 2016
Special Telephonic Trust Meeting

Trustees Present:

Dr. Spencer A. Isom, Chairperson
Bryant Powell, Vice Chairperson
David Fitzhugh, Trustee
James Alcantar, Alternate Trustee
Sandra King, Alternate Trustee
Leo Lew, Alternate Trustee
Kathy Reyes, Alternate Trustee
Liz Riley, Alternate Trustee
Ray Temple, Alternate Trustee

Other Present:

Justin Cook, Pinal County
Mike Hensley, JS&H
Elena Lacy, ECA
Jaime Schulenberg, ECA

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action re Eligibility Appeal

Ms. Schulenberg briefed Trustees on an appeal that was received on behalf of a City of Avondale Councilmember to drop medical and dental coverage mid-year. The member was not on the line, however, Trustee Fitzhugh advised that he would be representing the appellant and would therefore abstain from voting.

Ms. Schulenberg elaborated that the Councilmember accepted a full time job that provides medical benefits at a lower cost than the benefits provided by AzMT. The interpretation of the SPD does not allow the coverage to be dropped as the member is still “employed” by Avondale and as such, a qualifying event has not occurred.

The Trust’s legal counsel, Mike Hensley, Trustees and staff discussed in detail the Internal Revenue Service codes and the exceptions that are set out in the plan document.

Chairperson Isom made a motion to deny the appeal with the caveat the ECA and the Trust’s legal counsel work together on a letter to the appellant and that the appellant be permitted to contact legal counsel with questions, seconded by Alternate Trustee Temple and carried by majority vote with Alternate Trustee Reyes abstaining.

3. Call to the Public

No public present.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elena Lacy
Recording Secretary