

PINAL COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT MERIT COUNCIL
September 14, 2015 AT 8:00 a.m.
HEARING ROOM
31 North Pinal Street, Administration Building A, Florence AZ

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Patrick Melvin
Council Member Tom Ramsdell
Council Member Mark Hawthorne
Council Member Tom Hollenbach

OTHERS PRESENT:

Donna Aversa, Counsel to the LEMC
Michael Pang, Counsel for Mr. Wikstrom
Bryan Quesenberry, Attorney for Pinal County
Andrew Wikstrom, Appellant
Krishna Fick, Assistant to the Clerk of the Merit Council

1. **Call to order and Confirmation of Quorum** - The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Patrick Melvin.
2. **Executive Session** - Motion was made by Chairman Melvin for an executive Session and it was seconded by Council Member Hawthorne. Resumed open session at 8:11 a.m. Chairman Melvin reminded everyone of the confidentiality of executive session.
3. **Business** – Consideration and possible action regarding the appeal of the termination of employment of Andrew Wikstrom.
 - A. Respondent and Appellant made opening statements.
 - B. All exhibits were entered in to evidence.
4. **Witnesses** -
 - a. David Quist and was sworn in by Chairman Melvin. He was cross examined by the Appellant and there was a redirect by the Respondent. Council Members questioned the witness and he was dismissed at 9:30 a.m.
 - b. Charles S. Quist was called as a witness and sworn in by Chairman Melvin, he was questioned by the Respondent and cross examined by the Appellant, there was a redirect by the Respondent, and Council Members questioned the witness. The witness was dismissed at 10:01 a.m.

Chairman Melvin called for a break at 10:04 a.m.
Resumed open session at 10:17a.m.

- c. Detective Joey Cruz was called by the Respondent and sworn in by Chairman Melvin, he was questioned by the Council Members and cross examined by the Appellant, there was a redirect by the Respondent, and a re-cross by the appellant. Council Members questioned the witness and he was dismissed at 10:54 a.m.
- d. Captain Ruben Leos was called by Respondent as a witness and sworn in by Chairman Melvin. He was cross examined by Appellant and there was a redirect by Respondent. Council Members questioned the witness and he was dismissed at 12:01 p.m.

The Chairman called for a lunch break at 12:00 a.m.

Resumed open session at 1:13p.m.

- e. Respondent played an audio from Officer Shelton from the Forest Service. Chairman Melvin called for a recess at 1:17 p.m. Resumed open session at 1:30 p.m.
- f. Stormy Wallace was called by Respondent and she was sworn in by Chairman Melvin. She was cross examined by Appellant, redirect by Respondent and a re-cross by the Appellant. Council Members questioned the witness and she was dismissed at 1:45 p.m.
- g. Daryl Wallace was called by Respondent and was sworn in by Chairman Melvin, he was cross examined by Appellant and there was a redirect. He was dismissed at 1:54 p.m.

5. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m. until September 15, 2015 at 8 a.m.



Krishna Fick, Assistant to the Clerk
of the LEMC



for Patrick Melvin, Chairman