

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

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September 16, 2015

A regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015, in Trenton, New Jersey.

PRESENT: Robert M. Czech, Chairperson, Members Thomas J. Perna and Richard E. Williams; Pamela Ullman, Deputy Attorney General; Henry Maurer, Director, Division of Appeals and Regulatory Affairs.

In accordance with L.1975, c.231, the Secretary to the Civil Service Commission opened the meeting with the following statement:

Notice of this meeting was filed with the Secretary of State and sent to the Trentonian, Trenton Times, Courier-Post and Star Ledger on December 11, 2014, and posted at the Civil Service Commission, 3 Station Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise specified.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Clifford Barnes Bayside State Prison Department of Corrections Suspension

Scott Campion Middlesex County Sheriff Department Removal

Lance Crenny Bayside State Prison Department of Corrections Suspension

Darryl Gatewood Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Department of Human Services Removal

Jamila Laster-Riley New Lisbon Developmental Center Department of Human Services Removal

Ardelie McElroy Newark School District Suspension

Lesley Stromberg Monmouth County Department of Engineering Suspension VOTE: Robert M. Czech (Abstained) Thomas J. Perna (Yes) Richard E. Williams (Yes) Otis Truitt Bayside State Prison Department of Corrections Suspension

RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE IN THE ABOVE CASES – SETTLEMENT

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission acknowledged the settlements.

A-2 SONYA BELL, et al. (consolidated)

Sonya Bell, Eduardo Rodriguez, Archie Williams, and Charles Lyons, employees with the City of Camden, appeal the good faith of their layoff.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the layoffs.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission affirmed the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge. The Commission also noted the dismissal of the appeals of Barbara Bellamy-Johnson, Alfred Dansbury, Stephanie Holmes, William Lutz, and Dwaine Williams

A-3 GERARD EATMAN

Gerard Eatman, Police Officer, City of Newark, Police Department, removal effective October 19, 2007, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the removal to a 60 working day suspension.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission affirmed the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.

A-4 TERRANCE HARRISON

Terrance Harrison, Police Officer, Township of Clark, Department of Public Safety, 20 working day suspension on charges of incompetency, insubordination, and conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the 20 working day suspension.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission affirmed the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.

A-5 CHARLAYNE POWELL

Charlayne Powell, Firefighter, City of Paterson, Fire Department, removal effective February 16, 2015, on charges of inability to perform duties.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the removal.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission affirmed the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.

A-6 RICHARD SAZON

Richard Sazon, Graduate Nurse, Camden County, Department of Health Services, removal effective June 13, 2013, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, or failure to perform duties; conduct unbecoming a public employee; and neglect of duty.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Dismiss the appeal.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission affirmed the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge.

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 A.D. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-1123

A.D., represented by Oswin E. Hadley, Esq., appeals his rejection as Fire Fighter candidate by Jersey City and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2542M) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

B-2 JESSICA PUGLISE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-1611

Jessica Puglise, represented by Anthony J. Fusco, Jr., Esq., appeals the removal of her name from the eligible list for County Correction Officer (S9999R), Morris County Sheriff's Office, on the basis of two diluted drug tests.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted in part.

B-3 STANLEY FRANCOIS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2950

Stanley Francois, represented by John R. Schwartz, Esq., appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services, which found that the appointing authority had presented a sufficient basis to remove the appellant's name from the Police Officer (S9999M), Jersey City, eligible list on the basis of an unsatisfactory criminal record.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-4 NOUR KANAAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-702

Nour Kanaan appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services, which found that the appointing authority had presented a sufficient basis to remove the appellant's name from the Correction Officer Recruit (S9988R), Department of Corrections eligible list on the basis of his failure to complete pre-employment processing.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

B-5 JAY BENDER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2649

Jay Bender, represented by William D. Sayers, Esq., appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of his position with the Borough of Fair Lawn is the dual title of Fire Official/Fire Protection Subcode Official. The appellant seeks the removal of asserted out-of-title duties.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-6 JEFFREY BROWN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-1088

Jeffrey Brown appeals the decision of the Division of Classification and Personnel Management that the proper classification of his position with the Department of Law and Public Safety is Building Management Services Specialist 2. The appellant seeks a Building Management Services Specialist 1 job classification. Additionally, the appellant appeals his failure to be appointed as an Administrative Analyst 1.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-7 L.L. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3324

L.L. appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of her position with the Department of Human Services is Technical Assistant 3. The appellant seeks a Technical Assistant 2, Community Affairs job classification.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-8 JAMES ALLEN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2276

James Allen appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services, which found that, per the substitution clause for education, he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Network Administrator 1 (PS9430I), State Parole Board.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

B-9 DAVID CORSARO AND EARL ODD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-810

David Corsaro and Earl Odd appeal the determination of the Division of Agency Service which found that they were below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Supervisor of Public Works (PM0270T), Voorhees Township.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that these appeals be granted.

B-10 MICHAEL RIKER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3264

Michael Riker appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Investigator Secured Facilities (PC0560T), Monmouth County.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

VOTE:Robert M. Czech(Abstained)Thomas J. Perna(Yes)Richard E. Williams(Yes)

B-11 LINDA TAYLOR – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-878

Linda Taylor appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Dispute Resolution Specialist 2 (PS0279G), Department of Environmental Protection.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

B-12 FIRE OFFICER 3 (PM1256N), JERSEY CITY - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-726

Jersey City requests the extension of the eligible list for Fire Officer 3 (PM1256N), Jersey City.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be denied.

B-13 TONY ABILIO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-890

The Borough of North Arlington requests that the eligible list for Police Sergeant (PM2713L) be revived to allow for the retroactive appointment of Tony Abilio, effective October 25, 2012.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted.

B-14 SAMI ZEIDAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-907

Montclair State University requests a retroactive date of appointment and retroactive working test period for Sami Zeidan as a Campus Police Officer Recruit, effective July 14, 2014.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted in part.

B-15 JOANNE FLETCHER AND ADRIENNE REYES - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-191

Joanne Fletcher and Adrienne Reyes, former Clerks 1 with Atlantic City, represented by Robert F. O'Brien, Esq., appeal the determinations of their layoff rights by the Division of Agency Services.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that these appeals be denied.

B-16 ERIC MASON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-648

Eric Mason, a former Boiler Operator with Atlantic City appeals the determination of his layoff rights by the Division of Agency Services.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-17 MARISOL PEREZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-723

Marisol Perez, a former Residential Services Worker with the Department of Human Services, Woodbridge Developmental Center, appeals her layoff rights with regard to her demotion in lieu of layoff to Senior Maintenance Worker.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-18 QUWANA PRICE-COUCH, ET AL. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-172

Quwana Price-Couch, Terry Phillips, Venessa McGowan, Muhammad Khan, George Brown, Efrain Morales, Jerome Williams, John Bucci III, Ganeen Brooks, Tamee Jones, Gloria Hamlett, and Sharay Hampton, Atlantic City, represented by Robert F. O'Brien, Esq., appeal the determination of their layoff rights by the Division of Agency Services.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that these appeals be denied.

B-19 MATTHEW VILARDO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2563

Matthew Vilardo, a Laborer 1 with the Jersey City Public Schools, represented by Ronald M. Gutwirth, Esq., seeks enforcement of the attached Civil Service Commission decision rendered on February 4, 2015, granting the appellant mitigated back pay and counsel fees.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted.

B-20 P.Z. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2421

P.Z., an Occupational Safety Consultant 2 with Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Human Services, appeals the determination of the Equal Employment Opportunity Director, stating that the appellant failed to present sufficient evidence to support a finding that he had been subjected to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Working.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-21 WADE GUSHARD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2516

Wade Gushard, a Senior Correction Officer with the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, appeals his five-day suspension.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-22 WADE GUSHARD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-614

Wade Gushard, a Senior Correction Officer with the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, appeals his five-day suspension.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-23 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of September 2, 2015.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission adopted the minutes of its meeting on September 2, 2015.

B-24 MONICA THOMPSON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3196

Monica Thompson appeals Union County's request for the removal of her name from the eligible list for Juvenile Detention Officer (C0689R), Union County, due to her unsatisfactory driving record.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-25 GARY CHARYAK – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2793

Gary Charyak requests that he be appointed from the Environmental Specialist 3 (PS5264G), Department of Environmental Protection eligible list.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied.

B-26 CHANGE IN THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN – TITLE CONSOLIDATION

The Division of Agency Services requests the consolidation of the Mail Clerk title series.

New Jersev MEMORANDUM **Civil Service** Commission DATE: September 3, 2015 TO: **Civil Service Commission** FROM: Kenneth Connolly, Director **Division of Agency Services** SUBJECT: Change in the Classification Plan CONSOLIDATION OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT TITLES The Division of Agency Services requests the consolidation of four (4) State and local titles and the revision of a common title in the same series. The State and local job specifications of Senior Mail Clerk and Mail Clerk are identical, therefore, making the State titles_common and inactivating the local titles_will result in a net reduction of two titles. The Principal level in the series is common. The employees in the Principal Mail Clerk title have been found to be functioning as lead workers, rather than supervisors. The job specification of the title has been modified to reflect this change. The Office of Employee Relations was petitioned to review the bargaining unit assignment of the title to a non-supervisory Employee Relations Group. The title actions will be processed as lateral employee movements: appointment type to appointment type, with retention of existing status. The appropriate negotiations representatives and the Appointing Authorities have been notified. The effective date of these requested actions will be the first pay period that follows the Commission's approval of the action. STATE AND LOCAL TITLES FROM: TO: Principal Mail Clerk Principal Mail Clerk R10-20434 Common A10-20434 Common www.state.ni.us/csc

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Senior Mail Clerk A07-20433 State Senior Mail Clerk A07-20433 Common

Senior Mail Clerk 03424 Local

Mail Clerk A04-20432 State Mail Clerk A04-20432 Common

Mail Clerk 02320 Local

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ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted.

B-27 CHANGE IN THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN – COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICER, ADDICTIONS TITLE SERIES

The Division of Agency Services requests verbiage changes to the Community Service Officer, Addictions title series.

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DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

The Department of Treasury requests that the Community Service Officer, Addictions series be made general for use in the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (GCADA.) This action is being requested to provide appropriate classification of its staff.

The bargaining unit of level 2 of the series has been reassigned from 'R' to 'P' by the Office of Employee Relations as the incumbents in the title do not function as supervisors.

Additionally, the series is being renumbered in accordance with current practice, with the numerical suffix '1' representing the lowest level to '3' representing the higher level of the series. Minor changes have been made to the job specifications to make them current.

Collective negotiation representative has been notified in accordance with NJAC 4A:3-3.3(f).

TITLE CHANGES:

<u>Effective</u>: Changes will be effective the first pay period following the Commission's approval.

TO:

FROM:

Community Service Officer 3, Addictions P18-63003 Competitive C K

Community Service Officer <u>1</u>, Addictions P18-63003 Competitive C <u>Common</u>

Community Service Officer 2, Addictions R21-63153 Competitive C 04

Community Service Officer 2, Addictions P21-63153 Competitive C Common

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Community Service Officer 1, Addictions R26-63154 Competitive C 01 Community Service Officer 3, Addictions R26-63154 Competitive C Common

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ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted.

B-28 J.T. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2242

J.T., represented by Brian M. Cige, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Sergeant candidate by Rockaway Township and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Rockaway Township (PM5149N) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

B-29 EDGAR THOMAS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-821

Edgar Thomas appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the open competitive examination for Senior Maintenance Repairer, Fire Equipment (M0299T), Moorestown.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be granted.

B-30 BRYANT GARCIA - CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2860

Bryant Garcia requests a make-up examination for Correction Officer Recruit (S9988T), Department of Corrections.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted.

B-31 THOMAS BORR – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2670

Thomas Borr, an Assistant District Parole Supervisor with the State Parole Board, requests a waiver of repayment of a salary overpayment, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 11A:3-7.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted in part.

There being no further business before the Civil Service Commission, the meeting was adjourned to convene on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at 3 Station Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

> Robert M. Czech Chairperson Civil Service Commission