



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

**DECEMBER 18, 2024**

**Allison Chris Myers, Chairperson**  
**Dolores Gorczyca**  
**Daniel W. O'Mullan**  
**Diomedes Tsitouras**  
**Christina Mongon**

DECEMBER 18, 2024

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A regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., in Trenton, New Jersey.

PRESENT: Allison Chris Myers, Chairperson; Members Dolores Gorczyca; Daniel O'Mullan, Diomedes Tsitouras and Christina Mongon; Zachary Aboff, Deputy Attorney General; Nicholas F. Angiulo, Director, Division of Appeals and Regulatory Affairs; Annemarie Ragos, Commission Secretary. All individuals listed participated via teleconference.

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 November 22, 2023, and posted at the Civil Service Commission, 3 Station Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.

All actions were by unanimous vote unless otherwise specified.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of November 27, 2024.

**ACTION:** The Civil Service Commission adopted the minutes of its meeting of November 27, 2024

**WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS**

**The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:**

Anthony Brown, Cumberland County, Department of Corrections, removal.

Jaylene Luciano, Camden City, Municipal Court, release at the end of the working test period.

Chad Smith, Department of Transportation, suspension.

**ACTION:** The Civil Service Commission noted the withdrawal of appeals without prejudice.

**DISMISSAL FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR**

**The Civil Service Commission dismissed the following cases without prejudice for failure to appear at the scheduled hearing before the Office of Administrative Law:**

Willie Lopez, Hunterdon Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, removal.

**ACTION:** The Civil Service Commission noted the dismissal of appeals without prejudice.

**SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS**

**A-1 SETTLEMENTS**

Mark Eggert  
Lawrence  
Department of Public Safety

Akinbami Gbadimosi  
Department of Environmental Protection

Anita Nutakor  
Hunterdon Developmental Center  
Department of Human Services

Jason Spates  
Orange Township  
Police Department

**ACTION:** The Civil Service Commission acknowledged the settlements.

**A-2 R.C. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-357**

R.C., Program Support Specialist 2, Assistance Programs, Department of Community Affairs, appeals the determination which found that she failed to present sufficient evidence that she had been subjected to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Deny the appeal.

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

**A-3 SAMUEL DOHERTY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-630**

Samuel Doherty, County Correctional Police Officer, Ocean County, Department of Corrections, 90 calendar day suspension, on charges of insubordination, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the 90 calendar day suspension.

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

**A-4 JIMMY MERCADO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1124**

Jimmy Mercado, Police Officer, Pennsauken, Police Department, removal, effective June 13, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and violation of various departmental rules.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

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

**A-5 ANDREA PANERA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2022-76**

Andrea Panera, Senior Correctional Police Officer, South Woods State Prison, Department of Corrections, removal, effective June 29, 2021, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

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

**A-6 EQUINA TAYLOR – CSC DOCKET NO. 2019-1945**

Equina Taylor, Cottage Training Technician, Vineland Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, removal, effective August 13, 2013, on charges of violating departmental policies regarding falsification, divulging confidential information and actual or attempted theft of State property.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

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

<b>VOTE:</b>	<b>Allison Chris Myers</b>	<b>(Yes)</b>
	<b>Dolores Gorczyca</b>	<b>(Yes)</b>
	<b>Daniel W. O'Mullan</b>	<b>(Yes)</b>
	<b>Diomedes Tsitouras</b>	<b>(Yes)</b>
	<b>Christina Mongon</b>	<b>(Recused)</b>

**SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**B-1 J.H. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-162**

J.H., represented by Nicholas J. Palma, Esq., appeals her rejection as a County Correctional Police Officer candidate by the Morris County Sheriff's Office and its request to remove her name from the eligible list for County Correctional Police Officer (C0205D).

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

**B-2 K.K. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-684**

K.K., represented by Gregg L. Zeff, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Fire Fighter candidate by Winslow Township Fire District 1 and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2277D).

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

**B-3 NADINE DOWNING – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2024-2386**

Nadine Downing appeals the removal of her name from the Substance Abuse Counselor (S0777C), Department of Health eligible list.

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

**B-4 CALVIN ANDERSON – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2024-181 AND 2024-1294**

Calvin Anderson appeals the appointment of Maurice Boyd to the unclassified title of Director of Public Safety with East Orange. Additionally, the appellant, represented by Patrick P. Toscano, Jr., appeals the bypass of his name on the Deputy Police Chief (PM2303E), East Orange, eligible list.

**ACTION:** The Civil Services Commission dismissed the administrative appeal and referred the bypass appeal to the Office of Administrative Law for a hearing.

**B-5 TYEFA STALLINGS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1076**

Tyefa Stallings appeals the bypass of her name on the County Correctional Deputy Police Warden (PC4858D), Camden County, eligible list.

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

**B-6 SASHA KIMIATEK – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2218**

Sasha Kimiatek appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she was not eligible for the open competitive examination for Graphic Artist 1 (M1019E), Jersey City.

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

**B-7 MADELEN LEMOINE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2163**

Madelen Lemoine appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did was not eligible for the promotional examination for Social Work Supervisor (PC4213E), Passaic County.

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

**B-8 ANDREA PORTOVEDO HOLLEN – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2024-1974 AND 2024-1975**

Andrea Portovedo Hollen requests a make-up examination for the promotional examination for Administrative Analyst 4 (PS1264K) and Program Specialist 4 (PS1280K), Department of Human Services.

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

**B-9 STEVEN CARUSO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2679**

Steven Caruso appeals the promotional examination for Sheriff's Officer Lieutenant (PC4266E), Mercer County.

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

**B-10 AARON COOPER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1060**

Aaron Cooper appeals his score on the oral portion of the promotional examination for Fire Captain (PM5018D), Camden.

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

**B-11 THOMAS FLORES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1101**

Thomas Flores appeals his score on the oral portion of the promotional examination for Fire Captain (PM5018D), Camden.

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

**B-12 EDWIN GONZALEZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2672**

Edwin Gonzalez appeals the promotional examination for Sheriff's Officer Captain (PC4270E), Hudson County.

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

**B-13 J.H. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-770**

J.H., an Employment and Training Specialist 1 with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, appeals the determination of a Chief of Staff, which was unable to substantiate that she was subjected to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

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

**B-14 ALBERT SALINA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1422**

Albert Salina requests reconsideration of *In the Matter of Albert Salina, Battalion Fire Chief (PM3390C), Paterson* (CSC, decided December 20, 2023), which denied the appeal of his score on the promotional examination for Battalion Fire Chief (PM3390C), Paterson.

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

**B-15 CHAZ DUNTON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-652**

Chaz Dunton, a former Clerk Typist, Department of the Treasury, appeals his removal and resignation not in good standing, effective December 26, 2023.

**ACTION:** The Civil Service Commission directed that this appeal be denied for lack of jurisdiction.

**B-16 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SPECIALIST (M0939F), PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-647**

Parsippany-Troy Hills requests permission not to make an appointment from the August 19, 2024 certification for Employee Benefits Specialist (M0939F), Parsippany-Troy Hills.

**ACTION:** The Civil Service Commission directed that this request be granted and assessed selection costs in the amount of \$2,048.



**B-17 CANNABIS LABORATORY EVALUATOR, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-956**

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf of the Department of the Treasury, requests the creation of a new title series, Cannabis Laboratory Evaluator, in the competitive division of the career service and the reallocation of the title series to the noncompetitive division of the career service on an interim basis.

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

**B-18 CUSTOMER REPRESENTATIVE TRAINEE, PUBLIC UTILITIES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1076**

The Division of Agency Services requests the reactivation of the Customer Representative Trainee, Public Utilities title in the non-competitive division of the career service in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2*.

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

**B-19 MOSQUITO IDENTIFICATION SPECIALIST TRAINEE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1135**

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf of the Mosquito Extermination Commission, Ocean County, requests the creation of the noncompetitive title of Mosquito Identification Specialist Trainee service in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2*.

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

**PUBLIC PORTION**

No comments.

**There being no further business before the Civil Service Commission, the meeting was adjourned to convene on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., at 3 Station Plaza, Trenton, New Jersey.**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Allison Chris Myers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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**Allison Chris Myers  
Chairperson  
Civil Service Commission**