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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

September 23, 2026

Mary Cruz, Acting Chairperson
Dolores Gorczyca
Diomedes Tsitouras
Christina Mongon

SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

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A regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., in Trenton, New Jersey.

PRESENT: Mary Cruz, Acting Chairperson; Members, Diomedes Tsitouras and Christina Mongon; Levi Klinger Christiansen, Deputy Attorney General; Shannon L. Dalton, Director, Division of Appeals and Regulatory Affairs; and Annemarie Ragos-Goff, Commission Secretary, were present. 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 5, 2025, 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 September 2, 2026.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission adopted the minutes of its meeting of September 2, 2026.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeal was withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Philip Paone, County Correctional Police Officer, Monmouth County, Department of Corrections and Youth Services, removal.

Gerald Walker, Laborer 1, City of Linden, Department of Public Property Community Services, suspension.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission noted the withdrawal of the appeals.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

William Castillo
Hudson County
Department of Corrections

Ethan Devery-Haffert
City of Sea Isle City
Department of Public Works

Sharon Harris
Department of Human Services
Woodbine Development Center

Da'Zahn King
City of Newark
Newark Public School District

William Nielson
Cape May County
Sheriff's Department

Gerald Walker
City of Linden
Department of Public Property Community Services

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Thomas Woods
Department of Human Services
New Lisbon Developmental Center

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission acknowledged the settlements.

A-2 EUGENE VICK – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-66 and 2025-2137

Eugene Vick, a Senior Correctional Police Officer, with the Department of Corrections, Northern State Prison, appeals his two removals, effective June 20, 2024 and March 31, 2025, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the June 20, 2024 removal to a six month suspension and reverse the March 31, 2025 removal.

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission affirmed the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and recommended anger management.

A-3 ROBERT WARGOCKI – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2024-632 and 2024-633

Robert Wargocki, a Police Captain, with the Borough of Carteret, Police Department, appeals his two 15 working day suspensions, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, or failure to perform duties; insubordination; conduct unbecoming a public employee; and other sufficient causes.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the two 15 working day suspensions.

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

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 DOMINIC MEGNA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1611

Dominic Megna, represented by Valerie Palma DeLuisi, Esq., appeals the removal of his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0365F), Paterson.

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

B-2 ANDREJ GJORGIEV, *ET AL.* – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2026-2204, *ET AL.*

Andrej Gjorgiev and Monica Rigolosi (PM3356G), Garfield; Brian Radomski (PM3367G), Saddle Brook; and Thomas Ratajczak, a make-up candidate for (PM4863F), Woodbridge; appeal the examination for Police Sergeant.

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

B-3 RICHARD J. LAIRD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-460

Richard J. Laird III, represented by Michael L. Prigoff, Esq., appeals the validity of the test and his score on the examination for Police Chief (PM1978G), Lawrence.

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

B-4 KEVIN M. READING – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-461

Kevin M. Reading, Jr., represented by Michael L. Prigoff, Esq., appeals the validity of the test and his score on the examination for Police Chief (PM1978G), Lawrence.

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

B-5 T.K. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-1556

T.K., a Correctional Police Sergeant with the Department of Corrections, Northern State Prison, represented by Sergeant Ernesto Hernandez, New Jersey Law Enforcement Supervisory Association Representative, appeals the determination of the Department of Corrections' Chief of Staff, which substantiated that the appellant violated the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

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

B-6 DANE BATH – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2026-1893 AND 2026-1894

Dane Bath, a former Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee, petitions the Civil Service Commission for reconsideration of *In the Matter of Dane Bath, Morris County* (CSC, decided February 4, 2026), which upheld his eight working day suspension and release at the end of the working test period.

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

B-7 MATTHEW MARTHALER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2004

Matthew Marthaler, Regulatory Officer 2, Department of Community Affairs (DCA), challenges DCA's Telework Policy.

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

B-8 M.L. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2043

M.L., a former Assistant Engineer Transportation, Department of Transportation, appeals his resignation not in good standing, effective September 20, 2021.

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

B-9 IN THE MATTER OF SIGN MAKER 3 (C0863G), UNION COUNTY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-1427

Union County requests permission not to make an appointment from the September 15, 2025 certification for Sign Maker 3 (C0863G).

ACTION: The Civil Service Commission directed that no selections costs be assessed.

B-10 DEJAUN COLBERT – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2130

Dejaun Colbert, Senior Correctional Police Officer, Garden State Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections, appeals the DOC's calculation of his back pay entitlement.

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

B-11 DREW INMAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2129

Drew Inman, represented by Stuart J. Alterman, Esq., requests a retroactive date of permanent appointment to the title of Police Sergeant and other relief.

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

B-12 ARAION MALONE – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2026-1622 and 2026-2530

Araion Malone, an Office Services Manager with Newark, requests a retroactive date of permanent appointment.

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

B-13 KRISTA PARKS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2316

Krista Parks requests a retroactive date of permanent appointment.

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

B-14 JUDICIARY CLERK 3, AND ITS BILINGUAL VARIANTS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2027-556

The Judiciary, via the Administrative Office of the Court, requests to extend for an additional year the reallocation of the Judiciary Clerk 3 and Judiciary Clerk 3, Bilingual in Spanish and English titles to the noncompetitive division of the career service on an interim basis.

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

PUBLIC PORTION

There were no comments.

There being no further business before the Civil Service Commission, the meeting was adjourned to convene on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., via teleconference.



Mary Cruz
Acting Chairperson
Civil Service Commission