AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
OCTOBER 21, 2015

Robert M. Czech, Chairperson
Thomas J. Perna
Richard E. Williams
WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Robert Connizzo, Fire Alarm Operator, Grounds, Paterson Fire Department, removal.

Regina DiFiore, Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator, Burlington County, Department of Public Safety Services, removal.

Ronald Osadacz, Police Officer, Borough of Highlands, Police Department, removal.

Helen Rumph, Supervising Public Safety Telecommunicator, Burlington County, Department of Public Safety Services, removal.

William Sullivan, Senior Corrections Officer, East Jersey State Prison, Department of Corrections, removal.

ACTION:

DISMISSAL FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

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

Gregg Washington, Clerk 1, Mercer County, Board of Social Services, removal.

ACTION:
SECTION A - HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Kareeme Davis
Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
Removal

Frederick Krowl
City of Garfield
Department of Building, Plumbing and Inspection
Removal

Ryan Romain
Kean University
Removal

ACTION:

A-2 RAMONA CARTER

Ramona Carter, County Correction Officer, Mercer County, Department of Public Safety, 10 working day suspension on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the 10 working day suspension.

A-3 CHARLES HACKLEY

Charles Hackley, Senior Building Maintenance Worker, Montclair State University, removal effective October 23, 2014, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and violation of a last chance agreement.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Grant motion for summary decision and uphold the removal.

ACTION:
A-4  KAYODE LASEKAN

Kayode Lasekan, Human Services Technician, Ancora Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Human Services, removal effective August 5, 2014, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-5  MARK TORSIELLO (CONSOLIDATED)

Mark Torsiello, Mechanic, Township of Nutley, Department of Public Works, 60 working day suspension, demotion to Truck Driver, and removal effective November 4, 2011, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal and award back pay for the period of the appellant’s immediate suspension.

ACTION:

A-6  PAUL WILLIAMS

Paul Williams, Human Services Assistant, Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Human Services, removal effective July 6, 2013, on charges of mental abuse of a patient, mistreatment of a patient, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty, violation of hospital policy and procedure, and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the removal to a six-month suspension.

ACTION:

SECTION B – MICELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1  SEDINA YOUNG - CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3286

Sedina Young appeals her rejection as a Correction Officer Recruit candidate by the Department of Corrections and its request to remove her name from the eligible list for Correction Officer Recruit (S9988R) on the basis of a positive drug test.

ACTION:
B-2 ANGELIQUE COLLAZO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-1332

Angelique Collazo, represented by Mark D. Laderman, Esq., appeals the decision of the Division of Classification and Personnel Management, which upheld the removal of her name from the special reemployment list for Police Officer, City of Trenton, due to the falsification of her employment application.

ACTION:

B-3 ROBIN DAGHLIAN CURASCO - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-555

Robin Daghlian Curasco appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services upholding the removal of her name from the eligible list for Public Safety Telecommunicator, Bergen County (CO651R), on the basis of falsification of her application.

ACTION:

B-4 LAURA CALCESE - CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3050

Laura Calcese appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of her position with the Motor Vehicle Commission is Building Services Coordinator 3. The appellant seeks a Building Management Services Specialist 4 classification.

ACTION:

B-5 KATHRYN OZOL - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-618

Kathryn Ozol appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of her position with the Department of the Treasury is Pensions Benefits Specialist 3. The appellant seeks a classification of Pensions Benefits Specialist 2.

ACTION:

B-6 EDWARD BYRNES - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-712

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf of Brick Township, requests that Edward Byrnes’ out-of-title work experience be accepted as qualifying experience for the title Sign Maker 2.

ACTION:
B-7 DANIEL SANTANIELLO - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-709

The Division of Agency Service, on behalf of Brick Township, requests that Daniel Santaniello’s out-of-title work experience be accepted as qualifying experience for the title Recreation Supervisor.

ACTION:

B-8 KYLE SCARPELLI - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-711

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf of Brick Township, requests that Kyle Scarpelli’s out-of-title work experience be accepted as qualifying experience for the title Technician Management Information Systems.

ACTION:

B-9 SARAH SCARPELLI - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-710

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf of Brick Township, requests that Sarah Scarpelli’s out-of-title work experience be accepted as qualifying experience for the title Senior Personnel Assistant.

ACTION:

B-10 MONICA SCARBOROUGH - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-720

Monica Scarborough appeals her score that was below the minimum rating in Written Part 1 for the open competitive examination for Correction Officer Recruit (S9988T), Statewide.

ACTION:

B-11 MICHAEL ZAPOLSKI - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-1204

Michael Zapolski appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Institutional Trade Instructor 1 Food Processing (S0365T), Statewide.

ACTION:
B-12 JODIE KLOSEK - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-571

Jodie Klosek appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Keyboarding Clerk 3 (PM0182T), Sayreville.

ACTION:

B-13 MAUREEN O’ROURKE - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-948

Maureen O’Rourke appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Administrative Analyst 2 Procurement (S0152T), Statewide.

ACTION:

B-14 DANIELLE BENNETT - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-1343

Danielle Bennett appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Social Work Supervisor 3 Secured Facilities (S0375T), Statewide.

ACTION:

B-15 HANSA MEHTA - CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3086

Hansa Mehta appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the education requirements for the open competitive examination for Human Services Specialist 1 (C0112T), Union County.

ACTION:

B-16 CHRISTIAN HAMILTON - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-628

Christian Hamilton appeals his score for the oral portion of the examination for the second level Fire Captain (PM1133S), Nutley.

ACTION:
B-17 CARL GRIFFIN SR. - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-728

Carl Griffin Sr. appeals his score for the oral portion of the examination for the second level Fire Captain (PM1128S), Long Branch.

ACTION:

B-18 JOSEPH CAVANAGH - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-748

Joseph Cavanagh appeals his seniority score and score for the oral portion of the examination for the second level Fire Captain (PM1121S), Harrison.

ACTION:

B-19 JAMES COPONI - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-813

James Coponi appeals his score for the oral portion of the examination for the second level Fire Captain (PM1102S), Belleville.

ACTION:

B-20 JOSEPH LANG III - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-619

Joseph Lang III, represented by Brian Kincaid, Esq., appeals his score for the oral portion of the examination for the second level Fire Captain (PM1121S), Harrison.

ACTION:

B-21 BUILDING INSPECTOR APPRENTICE - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-1306

The Division of Agency Services recommends the reallocation of the Building Inspector Apprentice title to the non-competitive division of the career service in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2.

ACTION:
B-22 NUTRITION PROGRAM SPECIALIST APPRENTICE - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-1340

The Division of Agency Services recommends the creation of the non-competitive title of Nutrition Program Specialist Apprentice. Agency Services also recommends the inactivation of the Chief, Bureau of Food Distribution Program title.

ACTION:

B-23 ALFRED GUZZI JR. - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-631

Alfred Guzzi Jr. appeals his score for the oral portion of the examination for the second level Fire Captain (PM1128S), Long Branch.

ACTION:

B-24 JOSEPH LYGA - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-836

Joseph Lyga appeals his score on the examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM1693S), Bayonne.

ACTION:

B-25 DOUGLAS AHLQUIST, ET AL. - CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3366

Douglas Ahlquist, Sandy Alvarez, Roberto Aravena, Kyle Branch, Lance Brossa, Kevin Carter, Christopher Conti, Stephen Foster, Bryan Fusaro, Robert Hoehman, Justin Kijowski, Mark Littles, Michael Marrero, Frank Martinez, Jose Martinez, Donald McGee, Kim McIntosh-Smith, Andrew Merola, Anna Miglio, Teofilo Moreno, Allison Oliver, Richard Orne, Daniel Ortiz, Jason Polner, Savador Russomano, Thomas Scott, David Soto, Mark Stepniewski, Daniel Wilson and Thananya Wooden appeal the written examination for Correction Sergeant (PS9466I), Department of Corrections.

ACTION:

B-26 FELIX RIVERA AND BRUCE CORNISH - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-313 AND 2016-324

Felix Rivera and Bruce Cornish, Police Officers with the City of Millville, represented by Michael L. Testa, Esq., petition the Civil Service Commission for interim relief of their immediate suspensions without pay.

ACTION:
B-27 D.W. - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-629

D.W., a Court Executive 2A with the Judiciary, requests that she be permitted to use donated leave on an intermittent basis.

ACTION:

B-28 SUSAN TRAVERS-MCBRIDE - CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-860

The Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) requests a relaxation of N.J.A.C. 4A:4-5.2(e) in order to recalculate the working test period of Susan Travers-McBride, a Compliance Officer 1, MVC.

ACTION:

B-29 S.M. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-1304

S.M., a Senior Correction Officer with the Department of Corrections (DOC), appeals the determination of the Commissioner, DOC, which found 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 Workplace.

ACTION:

B-30 O.O. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2291

O.O., a Charge Nurse, 12 months, with the Department of Human Services, represented by Bruce L. Sobel, Esq., appeals the determination of the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, which found sufficient evidence that the appellant had violated the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

ACTION:

B-31 LEE SILVERMAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2798

Lee Silverman, represented by Brian J. Manetta, 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 Sheriff’s Officer (S9999R), Union County eligible list on the basis of an unsatisfactory background report, an unsatisfactory driving record, and falsification of the employment application.

ACTION:
B-32 A.M. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-2316

A.M., a former Human Services Assistant, Department of Human Services, Woodbine Developmental Center, appeals the decision of the Director, Office of Equal Employment Opportunity, which found sufficient evidence to support a finding that she violated the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

ACTION:

B-33 CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of October 7, 2015.

ACTION:

B-34 DAXTON CANALES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-1022

The parties request that the Civil Service Commission acknowledge the attached settlement reached between Daxton Canales, represented by Timothy J.P. Quinlan, Esq., and the Township of Pennsauken, which provides for Canales’ appointment as a Police Officer.

ACTION:

B-35 SUNG M. CHO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2015-3256

Sung M. Cho requests that the provisions of N.J.A.C. 4A:6-3.4(a), which govern the time period in which employees must file an application for Supplemental Compensation on Retirement (SCOR), be relaxed to permit him to submit a late application for SCOR benefits.

ACTION:

B-36 MARGARET MATEJKI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-1440

Margaret Matejik appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Personnel Assistant 2 (PS0800U), Office of Information Technology.

ACTION: