AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 6, 2017

Robert M. Czech, Chairperson
Dolores Gorczyca
Daniel W. O’Mullan
WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeal was withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Rahman Hucker, Human Services Specialist 3, Ocean County Board of Social Services, demotion to Human Services Specialist 2.

ACTION:

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Edward Gruber  
City of Newark  
Department of Engineering  
Removal

Robert Murie  
Atlantic County  
Department of Public Safety  
Suspension

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Geraldine Taylor  
County of Essex  
Department of Health and Rehabilitation  
Removal

Jonathan Warren  
New Jersey State Prison  
Department of Corrections  
Suspension

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

ACTION:
A-2  DEAN EDWARDS

Dean Edwards, Tree Maintenance Supervisor, City of Passaic, Department of Public Works, removal on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty, misuse of public property; including automobiles, and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-3  WAYNE HANNS

Wayne Hanns, Police Officer, City of Linden, Police Department, release at the end of the working test period.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Permit the appellant to complete the working test period.

ACTION:

A-4  SARA LLOYD

Sara Lloyd, Senior Laundry Worker, Woodbine Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, removal on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-5  WILLIAM PIERCE

William Pierce, Police Sergeant, City of Hackensack Police Department, return to prior title of Police Officer at the end of working test period.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Grant a new working test period.

ACTION:
A-6 CLAUDIO TUNDO

Claudio Tundo, Laborer 1, Borough of Ringwood, Department of Public Works, a seven and 15 working day suspensions, and removal effective February 26, 2016, on charges of insubordination, inability to perform duties, chronic or excessive absenteeism or lateness, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty, abuse of sick time and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the seven and 15 working day suspensions, and removal to a three-month suspension.

ACTION:

A-7 DARRICK VALENTINE

Darrick Valentine, Senior Medical Security Officer, Ann Klein Forensic Center, Department of Human Services, removal effective May 27, 2015 on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-8 PETER ZAMPELLA

Peter Zampella, Senior Maintenance Repairer, Hudson County, Department of Roads and Public Property, 90 working day suspension on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty, and chronic and excessive lateness.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the suspension.

ACTION:

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 K.B. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-3707

K.B., represented by Gerald D. Miller, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Jersey City and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (S9999R) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION:
B-2  L.K. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-1343

L.K. appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by the Trenton Police Department and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (S9999R) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION:

B-3  JEAN SAIMPRIS SILVA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3531

Jean Saimpris Silva appeals his removal from the eligible list for Human Services Assistant (Special) for failing to respond to the certification notices.

ACTION:

B-4  NYANATE SENYON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-2445

Nyanate Senyon appeals the removal of his name from the eligible list for Correction Officer Recruit (S9988T), Department of Corrections, on the basis of his failure to complete preemployment processing.

ACTION:

B-5  LAQUAN SHAMBERGER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-207

LaQuan Shamberger, represented by Bette R. Grayson, Esq., requests reconsideration of the decision rendered on June 21, 2017 which upheld the removal of his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2554M), Newark, on the basis of falsification of his employment application and failure to meet the residency requirement.

ACTION:

B-6  BRIAN J. BONOMO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-4298

Brian J. Bonomo, represented by David J. Beckett, Esq., appeals the bypass of his name on the Principal Investigator, Parole and Secured Faculties (PS0522I), Department of Corrections, eligible list.

ACTION:
B-7 LEWIS COUTTS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-1636

Lewis Coutts appeals the bypass of his name on the Environmental Engineer 4 (PS1866G), Department of Environmental Protection eligible list.

ACTION:

B-8 HANNAH DORMAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3246

Hannah Dorman appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that her position with the Department of the Treasury was properly classified as Auditor 3, Taxation. The appellant seeks an Auditor 2, Taxation job classification.

ACTION:

B-9 CARNEATIA BAILEY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3335

Carneatia Bailey appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Social Work Supervisor (PC0095V), Atlantic County.

ACTION:

B-10 TINETTE CARTER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3637

Tinette Carter appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that she was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Administrative Analyst 2 Procurement (S0953U), Statewide.

ACTION:

B-11 AMANDA FOSTER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3500

Amanda Foster appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the minimum experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Animal Keeper (C0012V), Cape May County.

ACTION:
B-12 BRIAN HARRIS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3326

Brian Harris appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that he did not meet the education and experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Coordinator Community Health Services (C0884U), Bergen County.

ACTION:

B-13 PAMELA MAJOR – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3452

Pamela Major appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Program Development Specialist Youth Services (C0051V), Monmouth County.

ACTION:

B-14 ANDREA MALDONADO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3580

Andrea Maldonado appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that she did not meet the experience requirements for the open competitive examination for Food Service Supervisor 2-10 Months (S0916U), Statewide.

ACTION:

B-15 JAMES WINFIELD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3587

James Winfield appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Assistant Supervisor Regional Food Service Operation (PS3882P), Juvenile Justice Commission.

ACTION:

B-16 FADETTE MCDANIELS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-2701

Fadette McDaniels requests to file an application after the announced closing date for the promotional examination for Senior Human Services Technician (PS3106E), Department of Military and Veterans Affairs.

ACTION:
B-17 TAMMY PERILLI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-425

Tammy Perilli petitions the Civil Service Commission to accept her untimely application for the promotional examination for Records Technician 3 Motor Vehicles (PS4527T), Motor Vehicle Commission.

ACTION:

B-18 TERRENCE COVERT – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3626

Terrence Covert appeals his score on the oral portion of the promotional examination for Police Captain (PM1317U), Brick.

ACTION:

B-19 PATRICK KIERNAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3636

Patrick Kiernan appeals his score on the oral portion of the promotional examination for Police Captain (PM1366U), Sayreville.

ACTION:

B-20 DAVID MULLER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3631

David Muller appeals his score on the oral portion of the promotional examination for Police Captain (PM1328U), Ewing.

ACTION:

B-21 JOHN OLIVIERI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-161

John Olivieri appeals his score on the examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM3073U), Belleville.

ACTION:

B-22 TAJAH SELDON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3064

Tajah Seldon appeals the administration of the physical performance portion of the examination for Fire Fighter (M1556T), Newark.

ACTION:
B-23  JOSE A. ROBLES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3779

Jose Robles, a Fire Captain with the City of Newark, petitions the Civil Service Commission for interim relief of his indefinite suspension, commencing on April 6, 2016, pending disposition of criminal charges.

ACTION:

B-24  WYATT KRAFT – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-2722

Wyatt Kraft, a Weights and Measures Apprentice, Hudson County Sheriff's Office, represented by William Hannan, Esq., requests resolution of a dispute concerning his back pay, seniority, benefits and interest.

ACTION:

B-25  B.R. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2016-4243

B.R., a Program Coordinator, Mental Health with the Department of Human Services, appeals the determination of the Assistant Commissioner, stating that the appellant failed to present sufficient evidence to support a finding that she had been subjected to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

ACTION:

B-26  CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of August 16, 2017.

ACTION:

B-27  SHELLY BOSTON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-1815

Shelly Boston, a former Cottage Training Technician with Hunterdon Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, requests to reinstate the appeal of her removal effective December 2, 2016, which was dismissed on the basis of failure to appear at the February 16, 2016 settlement conference at the Office of Administrative Law.

ACTION:
B-28  LUIS CRUZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-140

Luis Cruz appeals his score on the examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM3076U), Paterson.

ACTION:

B-29  JOSEPH BARBER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3815

Joseph Barber appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Project Manager Data Processing (PS4355H), Department of Health.

ACTION:

B-30  MARYELLEN MIGNANO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-30

Maryellen Mignano appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that her position with the Department of the Treasury was properly classified as Auditor 3, Taxation. The appellant seeks an Auditor 2, Taxation job classification.

ACTION:

B-31  NANCY HALL – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3030

Nancy Hall appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Buyer (C0816U), Hunterdon County.

ACTION:

B-32  HEATHER BENSEL, ET AL. – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2018-103 ET AL.

Heather Bensel, Wilma Cottman, Joy Evangelista, Joan Kennedy-Simmons, Rita Layton, Kendell McClinton, Zoraida Melendez, Arelis Ramos, and Stacey Sadler appeal the determinations of the Division of Agency Services, which found that they did not meet the minimum experience requirements for the promotional examination for Medical Services Assistant (PS2455K), Ancora Psychiatric Hospital.

ACTION:
B-33 S.F. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3823

S.F., a Pension Benefits Specialist 3 with the Department of the Treasury, appeals the decision of the Director, Division of Administration, which did not substantiate her allegation to support a finding that she had been subject to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

ACTION:

B-34 KRISTIN GROENHOFF – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-177

Kristin Groenhoff appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that found that she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Medical Social Work Consultant 1 (PS2610K), Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-35 CHRISTINA HEREDIA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2018-1774

Christina Heredia requests a make-up examination for Administrative Analyst 3 (PS3957F), Department of Education.

ACTION:

B-36 MARION WILSON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2017-3166

The appeal of Marion Wilson, a County Correction Officer with Camden County, of her removal, on charges, was heard by Administrative Law Judge Dean J. Buono (ALJ), who rendered his initial decision on June 21, 2017. At its meeting on August 16, 2017, the Civil Service Commission (Commission) did not adopt the ALJ’s recommendation to uphold the removal. Rather, the Commission modified the removal to a six-month suspension. The proposed final decision is now submitted for the Commission’s review.

ACTION: