



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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

June 2, 2021

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of May 19, 2021.

ACTION:

WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Matthew Gartley, Sheriff's Officer, Middlesex County, Sheriff's Department, suspension.

Juan Pagan, Fire Fighter, City of Pleasantville, Fire Department, demotion.

Kenneth Walden, Senior Correctional Police Officer, Southern State Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections, removal.

ACTION:

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:

Destiny Caraballo, Records Support Technician 1, Ewing Township, Department of Public Safety, release at the end of the working test period.

Samantha Heer, Social Worker, Mercer County, Department of Social Services, release at the end of the working test period.

Geoffrey Rife, Lifeguard, City of Cape May, Department of General Government, release at the end of the working test period.

ACTION:

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Todd Feiter
City of Long Branch
Fire Department
Removal

Tiffany Payano
Middlesex County Board of Social Services
Suspension

Shirlene Ringo
Department of Children and Families
Release at the end of the working test period

Quantara Ross
Juvenile Justice Commission
Suspension

Christina Skorochod
Monmouth County
Department of Transportation
Removal

Kayla Taylor
City of Newark
Department of Public Safety
Suspension

M.T.
Juvenile Justice Commission
Removal

A-2 JASON ARVELO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-428

Jason Arvelo, Fire Fighter, City of Perth Amboy, Fire Department, removal effective September 8, 2020, on charges of insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-3 ROBERT CURRY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-326

Robert Curry, Correctional Police Sergeant, Bayside State Prison, Department of Corrections, removal effective September 3, 2020, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-4 DEREK DEBLAKER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-589

Derek DeBlaker, Public Safety Telecommunicator, Gloucester County, Department of Emergency Response, removal effective August 7, 2019, on charges of insubordination and conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-5 KHALID NASH – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-426

Khalid Nash, County Correctional Police Officer, Essex County, Department of Corrections, removal effective March 14, 2019, on charges of incompetence, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-6 ROBERT MELENDEZ

Robert Melendez, Principal Investigator, Parole and Secured Facilities, New Jersey State Prison, Department of Corrections, 30 working day suspension and demotion to Senior Correctional Police Officer effective March 19, 2016, on charges of insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the 30 working day suspension and demotion.

A-7 GRACE NJOKANMA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2019-2038

Grace Njokanma, Human Services Technician, Ancora Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Health, removal effective September 14, 2018, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-8 ALEJANDRO PEREZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-2447

Alejandro Perez, Campus Police Officer, Kean University, removal effective March 12, 2020, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, misuse of public property and other sufficient cause.

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

ACTION:**A-9 CARLOS PIMENTEL – CAC DOCKET NO. 2019-3434**

Carlos Pimentel, Senior Parole Officer, State Parole Board, removal effective February 1, 2019, on charges of inability to perform duties and conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Grant the appointing authority's motion for summary decision and modify the removal to a resignation in good standing.

A-10 RONALD STUIISO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2019-2591

Ronald Stuiso, Maintenance Repairer, Bergen County, Department of Public Works, removal effective April 30, 2020, on charges of insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the removal to a 20 working day suspension.

ACTION:**SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS****B-1 INVESTIGATOR 1, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER AND INVESTIGATOR 3, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF STATE MEDICAL EXAMINER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1502**

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf of the Department of Health, requests that the Investigator 1, Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner and Investigator 3, Office of the Chief State Medical Examiner titles be placed in the non-competitive division of the career service on an interim basis to effectuate the appointments of seven employees.

ACTION:

B-2 R.C.J. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-1881

R.C.J., represented by Michael L. Prigoff, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Fire Fighter candidate by Mount Laurel Fire District 1 and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M1854W) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

ACTION:**B-3 IRIS RUFFIN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-880**

Iris Ruffin appeals Atlantic County's request to remove her name from the eligible list for Social Worker (C0032B), on the basis that she failed to respond to the notice to appear for her interview.

ACTION:**B-4 JOHN SHAW – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1294**

John Shaw appeals the Township of Belleville's request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Lieutenant (PM1067V), on the basis that he failed to respond to the certification notice.

ACTION:**B-5 VINCENT WREGE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1328**

Vincent Wrege appeals the decision to remove his name from the Parole Officer Recruit (S1000A), State Parole Board eligible list on the basis of an unsatisfactory employment record.

ACTION:**B-6 THOMAS JERAKIS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1476**

Thomas Jerakis requests to take a make-up examination for Claims Adjudicator Supervisor, Disability Determinations (PS0927N), Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

ACTION:**B-7 MELISSA PINTO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1494**

Melissa Pinto requests to take a make-up examination for Program Specialist 4 (PS5653K), Department of Human Services.

ACTION:

B-8 JENNIFER FREY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1632

The Judiciary, Ocean Vicinage requests that the list for Supervisor 1 (PS5160M), Judiciary, Ocean Vicinage, be revived to effectuate the retroactive appointment of Jennifer Frey.

ACTION:

B-9 LIEUTENANT CAMPUS POLICE (PS4357J) – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1631

Rowan University requests that the eligible list for Lieutenant Campus Police (PS4357J) be revived and extended.

ACTION:

B-10 KAREEMAH LUCAS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-684

Kareemah Lucas appeals the reclassification date provided in the October 28, 2020, determination of the Division of Agency Services of her request for a classification review.

ACTION:

B-11 PATRICK M. HEBERT – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1195

Patrick M. Hebert appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services, that he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Construction and Maintenance Technician 1 (PS2532T), Department of Transportation.

ACTION:

B-12 MADONNA MORRIS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1402

MaDonna Morris appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Management Assistant (PM2136B), Jersey City School District.

ACTION:

B-13 WALTER PRICE, III – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-279

Walter Price, III appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he did not submit a complete application for the promotional examination for Laborer 2 (PC1728A), Union County.

ACTION:

B-14 DEVIN THOMPSON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1497

Devin Thompson appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he did not meet the minimum requirements in experience for the open competitive examination for Supervisor, Information Technology (C0353B), Ocean County.

ACTION:

B-15 SHARON EDWARDS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-531

Sharon Edwards, a Court Services Supervisor 2 with the Judiciary, Vicinage 15 - Gloucester, Cumberland, and Salem Counties, represented by Lynsey A. Stehling, Esq., requests a waiver of repayment of a salary overpayment pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 11A:3-7*.

ACTION:

B-16 ALEX NAVAS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1503

The Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, has remanded the Civil Service Commission's decision reversing the 30 working day suspension of Alex Navas, a Laborer 1 with the Town of West New York, for a redetermination of the May 15, 2017 charged incident.

ACTION: