



STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2022**

**Deirdré L. Webster Cobb, Chairperson**  
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**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of August 24, 2022.

**ACTION:**

**WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS**

**The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:**

Giovanni Arellano, Beach Haven, Department of Public Works, removal.

Sharome Dixon, Trenton, Department of Water and Sewer, removal.

Yousef Elbanna, Union Township, Department of Public Works, release at the end of the working test period.

Beverly Figueroa, Union County, Sheriff's Office, removal.

Hector Nieves, Lawrence, Police Department, 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:**

Virginia Best, Irvington, Department of Housing Services, removal.

**ACTION:**

**SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS**

**A-1 SETTLEMENTS**

Eddie Blount  
Essex County  
Department of Public Safety and Corrections  
Suspension

Michael Cannon  
Kearny  
Department of Public Works  
Removal

Kevin Dragert  
Hamilton Township  
Department of Public Works  
Removal

Barbara Earling  
South Woods State Prison  
Department of Corrections  
Suspension

DeHaven Graham  
Ancora Psychiatric Hospital  
Department of Health  
Removals (5)

Marquita Palms  
Trenton Psychiatric Hospital  
Department of Health  
Suspensions (2)

Daxesh Patel  
Department of Banking and Insurance  
Demotion

David Velez  
Freehold Township  
Department of Code Enforcement  
Layoff

**ACTION:**

**A-2 MOHAMED CONTEH – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-533**

Mohamed Conteh, Human Services Technician, Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Health, removal, effective July 29, 2019, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

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

**ACTION:**

**A-3 MINA EKLADIOUS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-1768**

Mina Ekladios, Fire Fighter, Jersey City, Department of Public Safety, removal, effective December 24, 2019, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee and failure to perform duties.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the removal.

**ACTION:**

**A-4 DANIEL FELICIANO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-2713**

Daniel Feliciano, Equipment Operator, Hudson County, Department of Roads and Public Property, 20 working days suspension on charges of incompetency, 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 20 working day suspension.

**ACTION:**

**A-5 JEAN LAMOTHE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-224**

Jean Lamothe, Senior Executive Service, Department of Labor and Workforce Development, removal, effective August 7, 2020, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

**ACTION:**

**A-6 GEORGE MEADOWS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1955**

George Meadows, Principal Planner, Paterson, Department of Economic Development, removal, effective January 21, 2021, on charges of inability to perform duties.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the removal.

**ACTION:**

**SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

**B-1 M.G.A. – DOCKET NO. 2022-1234**

M.G.A., represented by Michael L. Prigoff, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Fire Fighter candidate by Irvington and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M1840W) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

**ACTION:**

**B-2 T.K.J. – DOCKET NO. 2022-1956**

T.K.J. appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Paterson and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (S9999A) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

**ACTION:**

**B-3 F.P. – DOCKET NO. 2022-3101**

F.P., a County Correctional Police Officer with the Passaic County Sheriff's Office, represented by Annette Verdesco, Esq., appeals the denial of the Bergen County Sheriff's Office to intergovernmentally transfer him to the title of County Correctional Police Officer due to psychological reasons.

**ACTION:**

**B-4 KYLE MEADOWS – DOCKET NO. 2022-3303**

Kyle Meadows appeals the decision to remove his name from the Sheriff's Officer (S9999A), Salem County Sheriff's Office eligible list on the basis of an unsatisfactory employment record.

**ACTION:**

**B-5 BRIAN ANTHONY – DOCKET NO. 2022-3057**

Brian Anthony appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Storekeeper 1 (PS7184U), Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:**

**B-6 NATALY BALAH – DOCKET NO. 2023-319**

Nataly Balah 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 Coordinator Drug and Alcohol Abuse (C0582D), Passaic County.

**ACTION:**

**B-7 ERIC BULWITH – DOCKET NO. 2022-2924**

Eric Bulwith appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, he did not meet the experience requirements for the open-competitive examination for Senior Management Assistant (M0251D), Jersey City.

**ACTION:**

**B-8 FREDDIE CROSS – DOCKET NO. 2022-3041**

Freddie Cross appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Assistant Buyer (PS6993K), Vineland Developmental Center.

**ACTION:**

**B-9 SANDRA CURRAIS – DOCKET NO. 2022-1637**

Sandra Currais appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services, which found that she did not meet the experience requirement for the open competitive examination for Administrative Analyst (M0324C), Newark.

**ACTION:**

**B-10 GILBERTO DELEON, JR. AND EBONY WOODS – DOCKET NOS. 2022-3299 AND 2022-3228**

Gilberto DeLeon, Jr. and Ebony Woods appeal the determinations of the Division of Agency Services that they did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Records Technician 3, Motor Vehicles (PS7769T), Motor Vehicle Commission.

**ACTION:**

**B-11 ASHLEY DIGERNESS – DOCKET NO. 2022-3229**

Ashley Digerness appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Health Educator (PC3794D), Salem County.

**ACTION:**

**B-12 CANDICE DONALDSON – DOCKET NO. 2022-3134**

Candice Donaldson appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the requirements for the open-competitive examination for Home Instructor, Commission for the Blind and Visionally Impaired (S0400D), Department of Health.

**ACTION:**

**B-13 BONNIE DUBE – DOCKET NO. 2022-2957**

Bonnie Dube appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the experience requirements, per the substitutional clause of education, for the promotional examination for Administrative Assistant 2 (PS6948J), Rowan University.

**ACTION:**

**B-14 BEFKADU GUTA – DOCKET NO. 2022-2309**

Befkadu Guta appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services, which found that he was below the minimum requirements in experience for the promotional examination for Senior Engineer Structural Evaluation (PS7381T), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:**

**B-15 WILLIAM HARRON – DOCKET NO. 2022-3040**

William Harmon appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that he did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Administrative Assistant 3 (S0769C), Statewide.

**ACTION:**

**B-16 TAMMY HOLMES – DOCKET NO. 2022-3160**

Tammy Holmes appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that she did not meet the minimum requirements in experience for the open-competitive examination for Supervisor of Nurses (C0448D), Hudson County.

**ACTION:**

**B-17 ALEXANDER MCLEAN – DOCKET NO. 2022-3032**

Alexander McClean 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 Senior Management Assistant (M0251D), Jersey City.

**ACTION:**

**B-18 AMANI SHAKUR – DOCKET NO. 2021-2690 AND 2022-2682**

Amani Shakur appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he did not meet the requirements for the promotional examinations for Management Assistant (PM4872C) and Manager Sanitation (PM5081C), Newark.

**ACTION:**

**B-19 CAROLYN SYLVESTER – DOCKET NO. 2023-214**

Carolyn Sylvester appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that, per the substitution clause for education, she did not meet the experience requirements for the promotional examination for Assistant Purchasing Agent (PC3912D), Sussex County.

**ACTION:**

**B-20 ERIKA TURNER-BYFIELD – DOCKET NO. 2023-10**

Erika Turner-Byfield 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 Supervising Community Program Specialist (S0405D), Statewide.

**ACTION:**



**B-21 C.N. – DOCKET NO. 2022-3309**

C.N. appeals the test administration, and requests a make-up examination, for Senior Technician, MVC (PS2743T), Motor Vehicle Commission.

**ACTION:**

**B-22 TAMARA TOTH – DOCKET NO. 2023-42**

Tamara Toth requests to take a make-up examination for Supervising Health Care Evaluator (PS2975H), Department of Health.

**ACTION:**

**B-23 SHARONDA BREWER – DOCKET NO. 2022-2710**

Sharonda Brewer appeals her rank and score for the promotional examination for Clerk 4 (PC5037C), Essex County.

**ACTION:**

**B-24 SUSHANT DARJI, *ET AL.* – DOCKET NOS. 2022-3169, *ET AL.***

Sushant Darji, Reba Oduro, and Zil Patel appeal the scoring and validity of the Senior Engineer Transportation (PS1109T), Department of Transportation promotional examination.

**ACTION:**

**B-25 OLTJANA DURAJ – DOCKET NO. 2022-3236**

Oltjana Duraj appeals the scoring and validity of the Senior Engineer Traffic (PS7382T), Department of Transportation promotional examination.

**ACTION:**

**B-26 M.D. – DOCKET NO. 2022-1953**

M.D. appeals the administration of the promotional examination for Police Sergeant.

**ACTION:**

**B-27 DALE LAIRD – DOCKET NO. 2023-118**

Dale Laird appeals the administration of the open competitive examination for Campus Police Officer Recruit (S0226D), Statewide.

**ACTION:**

**B-28 INES MASSIO – DOCKET NO. 2023-87**

Ines Massio appeals her disqualification by the Division of Test Development, Analytics and Administration for the open-competitive examination for Judiciary Clerk 2, Bilingual in Spanish and English (S0402V), Statewide.

**ACTION:**

**B-29 NICOLAS MONACO, *ET AL.* – DOCKET NOS. 2022-3187, *ET AL.***

Nicolas Monaco (PC4822C), Morris County; Anthony Porcella, Michael Sadeghian and Michael Donlon (PC4820C), Middlesex County; Raymond Paul and Vanessa Howard (PC4821C), Monmouth County; Patrick Toomey (PC4817C), Hudson County; Stephanie Grant (PC4812C) Atlantic County; James Lapp and Edward Romero (PC4813C), Bergen County appeal the promotional examination for County Correctional Police Lieutenant (various).

**ACTION:**

**B-30 MARSHA APFFEL – DOCKET NO. 2023-237**

Marsha Apffel appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of her position with the Department of Environmental Protection is Agency Services Representative 3. The appellant seeks an Agency Services Representative 4 classification.

**ACTION:**

**B-31 WAYNE BEBERT – DOCKET NO. 2022-2838**

Wayne Bebert appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of his position with Sayreville is Maintenance Worker 1 Grounds. He seeks a Maintenance Worker 2 Grounds classification in these proceedings.

**ACTION:**

**B-32 RODNEY RICKENBACH – DOCKET NO. 2023-181**

Rodney Rickenbach appeals the decision of the Division of Agency Services which found that his position with the Department of Law and Public Safety is properly classified as Administrative Analyst 4, Information Systems. He seeks a Supervising Management Improvement Specialist classification in these proceedings.

**ACTION:**

**B-33 S.W. – DOCKET NO. 2023-79**

S.W., a Program Specialist 3, Regulatory Programs with the Department of Community Affairs, appeals the decision of the Lieutenant Governor, which was unable to substantiate that she was subject to discrimination and retaliation in violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

**ACTION:**

**B-34 YAKEMA COLEMAN – DOCKET NO. 2023-445**

Yakema Coleman requests reconsideration of *In the Matter of Yakema Coleman* (CSC, decided June 15, 2022) where the Civil Service Commission denied her appeal of the determination of the Division of Agency Services that she lacked the required amount of permanent status in a title to which the Social Worker (PC4941C), Passaic County Board of Social Services, examination was open.

**ACTION:**

**B-35 J.M. – DOCKET NO. 2023-446**

J.M., a Planner/Scheduler, Computerized Maintenance Management with the Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Human Services, requests reconsideration of *In the Matter of J.M.* (CSC, decided August 24, 2022) which denied his appeal regarding his claims of violations of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

**ACTION:**

**B-36 OMAR DIAZ – DOCKET NO. 2023-299**

Omar Diaz, a Police Captain with the City of Newark, represented by John J. Chrystal, III, President of the Superior Officers' Association, petitions the Civil Service Commission for interim relief regarding his immediate suspension.

**ACTION:**

**B-37 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT 3 (S0769C), STOCKTON UNIVERSITY – DOCKET NO. 2022-2897**

Stockton University requests permission not to make an appointment from the May 2, 2022 certification for Administrative Assistant 3 (S0769C).

**ACTION:**

**B-38 ZAVIAN BRYANT AND NICHOLAS LONERO – DOCKET NO. 2023-316**

South Orange Village requests that the list for Police Sergeant (PM0871V), South Orange, be revived in order to effectuate the appointments of Zavian Bryant and Nicholas Lonero.

**ACTION:**

**B-39 JOHN CATRON, *ET AL.* – DOCKET NOS. 2022-3125**

Freehold Township requests that the list for Police Sergeant (PM0799V), Freehold, be revived in order to effectuate the appointments of John Catron, Jack Mandala and Jimmy Santiago.

**ACTION:**

**B-40 WILLIAM DIGANGI, *ET AL.* – DOCKET NOS. 2023-138, *ET AL.***

Rahway requests that the list for Police Sergeant (PM0858V), Rahway, be revived in order to effectuate the appointments of William DiGangi, Kenneth Rengifo and Kevin Wronski.

**ACTION:**

**B-41 JUAN LAFFONT, *ET AL.* – DOCKET NOS. 2023-11, *ET AL.***

West New York, represented by Angelo Auteri, Esq., requests that the list for Police Sergeant (PM0888V), West New York, be revived in order to effectuate the appointments of Juan Laffont, Jerry Maury and Madelyn Velasquez.

**ACTION:**

**B-42 MATTHEW COSTELOW AND ROBERT VANARSDALE – DOCKET NOS. 2023-154 AND 2023-155**

The Department of Environmental Protection requests that the appointment of Matthew Costelow and Robert VanArsdale to the title of State Park Police Officer Trainee be recorded, effective January 29, 2022 and August 14, 2021, respectively.

**ACTION:**

**B-43 B.M. – DOCKET NOS. 2022-2023**

B.M. appeals the administration of the promotional examination for Police Sergeant.

**ACTION:**