

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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# AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

**NOVEMBER 1, 2023** 

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# CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of October 11, 2023.

**ACTION:** 

#### WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

# The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Adrian Howell, Senior Correctional Police Officer, East Jersey State Prison, Department of Corrections, removal.

Tracy Lee, Communications Operator, South Woods State Prison, Department of Corrections, suspension.

Jacqueline Mastroeni, Emergency Medical Technician, Gloucester County, Department of Emergency Response, suspension.

Carine McNair, Juvenile Detention Officer, Essex County, Department of Citizen Services, removal.

Darring Villegas, Sr., Senior Juvenile Detention Officer, Bergen County, Department of Human Services, list bypass.

ACTION:

#### SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

#### A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Kenneth Bynum, *et al.* (Consolidated) Mercer County Corrections Center Removals

Elizabeth Mauger Woodbine Developmental Center Department of Human Services Removal Damaris Murray Woodbine Developmental Center Department of Human Services Removal

Christopher Pelzer Woodbine Developmental Center Department of Human Services Removal

Andre Ross Hudson County Department of Health and Human Services Suspension

Antonio Santos Mercer County Corrections Center Suspension

Regina Waters Union County Department of Human Services Removal

#### A-2 JUDY BELLAMY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1588

Judy Bellamy, County Correctional Police Officer, Mercer County Corrections Center, removal, effective January 14, 2023, on charges or insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

**ACTION:** 

## A-3 CURTIS DIKE – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2023-88

Curtis Dike, Institutional Attendant, Union County, Department of Human Services, removal, effective June 22, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, or failure to perform duties, inability to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

# A-4 ESTEBAN RODRIGUEZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2022-1705

Esteban Rodriguez, Police Officer, Weehawken, Police Department, removal, effective January 12, 2022, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, or failure to perform duties, inability to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

**ACTION:** 

# SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

# B-1 S.C. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1547

S.C., represented by Brian P. Matousek, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Montville and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0096D) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

## **ACTION:**

## B-2 ALONZO HOBBS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-77

Alonzo Hobbs appeals the decision to remove his name from the Judiciary Clerk 2 (S1462D), Judiciary, Vicinage 5, Essex eligible list on the basis of an unsatisfactory background report.

## **ACTION:**

## B-3 MICHAEL WOLF – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2806

Michael Wolf, represented by Robert K. Chewning, Esq., appeals the removal of his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0072D), Lakewood on the basis of falsification of the preemployment application.

## ACTION:

# B-4 MAKHOSINI DHLAMINI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1460

Makhosini Dhlamini appeals the bypass of his name on the promotional list for County Correctional Police Sergeant (PC2926W), Hudson County.

# B-5 RAYMOND DONNERSTAG – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2385

Raymond Donnerstag, represented by Robert K. Chewning, Esq., appeals the bypass of his name on the Police Sergeant (PM4554C), Hackensack eligible list.

# ACTION:

# B-6 JASON MARTINEZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1150

Jason Martinez appeals the bypass of his name on the Police Officer (S9999A), Lakewood eligible list.

# **ACTION:**

# **B-7** CONSTANCE ZAPPELLA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-724

Constance Zappella appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services, which found that she lacked the required permanent status in a title to which the examination was open for Fire Officer 4 (PM3382E), Jersey City.

## ACTION:

# **B-8 DEBRA COMPTON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-570**

Debra Compton appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services that the promotional examination for Assistant County Engineer (PC3033E), Monmouth County was not a promotion.

## ACTION:

## **B-9** TIMOTHY COUGHLIN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2014

Timothy Coughlin appeals his score on the promotional examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM5153C), Bayonne.

## ACTION:

## B-10 ELWOOD FAUNCE III – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1953

Elwood Faunce III appeals his score on the promotional examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM5152C), Atlantic City.

#### B-11 PHILLIP JOHNSON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1841

Phillip Johnson appeals his score on the promotional examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM5172C), West Orange.

#### **ACTION:**

## B-12 ROBERT SEEBURGER – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1917

Robert Seeburger, Jr., appeals his score on the promotional examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM5153C), Bayonne.

#### **ACTION:**

#### B-13 RICHARD SMITH - CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1890

Richard Smith appeals his score on the promotional examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM5172C), West Orange.

#### **ACTION:**

#### **B-14** S.P. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-146

S.P., a Technical Support Specialist 2 with the Office of Information Technology (OIT), represented by Patricia A. Villanueva, Esq., appeals the determination of an OIT Equal Employment Officer, which found that the appellant was not subjected to disability discrimination under the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

#### ACTION:

## B-15 POLICE CHIEF, PATERSON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2167

Paterson, represented by Aymen A. Aboushi, Esq., requests reconsideration of the final administrative determination in *In the Matter of Police Chief*, *Paterson* (CSC, decided February 22, 2023).

#### B-16 ZACHARY SCHAGRIN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-683

Zachary Schagrin requests reconsideration of *In the Matter of Zachary Schagrin* (Chair/CEO, decided August 24, 2023) which upheld the determination of the Division of Agency Services that the proper classification of his position with the Department of Environmental Protection is Geologist 2, Environmental Protection.

#### ACTION:

#### B-17 CARMEN DEL PALAZZO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2356

Carmen Del Palazzo, represented by Patricia A. Barasch, Esq., appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services to grant a waiver of examination for Deputy Police Chief (PM2282E), Voorhees.

#### **ACTION:**

#### B-18 MATTHEW GRAY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-758

The Union County Police Department requests to transfer Police Officer Matthew Gray from the Winfield Police Department, a non-Civil Service jurisdiction, to the title of Police Officer, UCPD.

#### **ACTION:**

#### B-19 JESSE O'BRIEN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-523

Jesse O'Brien, a Police Officer with Jersey City, represented by Jared M. Wichnovitz, Esq., requests enforcement of *In the Matter of Jesse O'Brien* (CSC, May 24, 2023).

#### ACTION:

#### B-20 ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK (C1093D), PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF SOCIAL SERVICES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-259

Passaic County Board of Social Services requests permission not to make an appointment from the February 27, 2023, certification for Administrative Clerk (C1093D), Passaic County Board of Social Services.

## B-21 ADVOCATE VICTIM WITNESS PROGRAM (C0527B), MERCER COUNTY- CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-482

Mercer County requests permission not to make an appointment from the October 13, 2021, certification for Advocate Victim Witness Program (C0527B), Mercer County.

## **ACTION:**

# B-22 FAMILY SERVICE WORKER (C1697D), BERGEN COUNTY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-483

Passaic County Board of Social Services requests permission not to make an appointment from the February 27, 2023, certification for Administrative Clerk (C1093D), Passaic County Board of Social Services.

## **ACTION:**

# B-23 SENIOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (PM5630D), BRICK – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-250

Brick requests permission not to make an appointment from the April 24, 2023, certification for Senior Emergency Medical Technician (PM5630D), Brick.