

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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# AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

**DECEMBER 6, 2023** 

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# **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of November 22, 2023.

ACTION:

# WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

# The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Toshiko Harperin, Senior Practical Nurse, New Lisbon Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, removal.

Gary Reich, Laborer 1, Hunterdon County, Department of Public Works, release at the end of the working test period.

Dimitry Schwartz, Truck Driver, Heavy, Upper Township, Department of Public Works, Health and Grounds, 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:

William Stanford, Building Maintenance Worker, Jersey City Public Library, removal.

Ken Tejeda, Fire Fighter, Paterson, Fire Department, removal.

ACTION:

# SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

# A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Neil Kurtiak Department of Human Services Removal Jose Roa Trenton Department of Water and Sewer Removal

Rashaan Sampson (Consolidated) Irvington Department of Public Safety Suspensions (2)

# **ACTION:**

# A-2 CARL CIDONI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2022-3253

Carl Cidoni, Graphic Artist 1, Middlesex County, Department of Purchasing, removal, effective June 14, 2022, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

# **ACTION:**

# A-3 BRUCE GOMOLA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2022-2677

Michael Sosa, Police Officer, Newark, Department of Public Safety, 94 working day suspension, on charges of neglect of duty and violation of various departmental policies.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Grant the appointing authority's motion for summary decision and dismiss the appeal as moot.

# **ACTION:**

# A-4 BENJAMIN MARKUS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2658

Benjamin Markus, County Correctional Police Officer, Monmouth County, Sheriff's Office, removal, effective May 2, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty, misuse of public property and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

# SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

#### **B-1** E.B. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2192

E.B. appeals her rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Delran and its request to remove her name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0031D) on the basis of psychological unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position.

#### **ACTION:**

#### **B-2** N.C. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1232

N.C., represented by Robert Chewning, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Wood-Ridge 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** A.H. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1463

A.H., represented by Valerie Palma Deluisi, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Clifton 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-4 CHRISTOPHER BROWN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1867

Christopher Brown appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services which found that he was ineligible for the promotional examination for Deputy Director Public Safety (PM5048C), Newark for failure to file a complete application.

#### ACTION:

#### B-5 JOSEPH CAPRIO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1982

Joseph Caprio appeals his seniority score for the promotional examination for Fire Captain (PM4449C), Atlantic City.

# B-6 STEVEN FOSTEK, JR. - CSC DOCKET NOS. 2023-244 AND 2024-39

Steven Fostek, Jr., appeals the multiple-choice portion of and seniority scoring for the promotional examination for Battalion Fire Chief (PM3384C), Harrison.

# **ACTION:**

# B-7 TIMOTHY GAY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1895

Timothy Gay appeals his score on the promotional examination for Deputy Fire Chief (PM5178C), Newark.

# **ACTION:**

# **B-8 ACCOUNTANT – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-615**

Mercer County requests permission not to make an appointment from the July 28, 2023, certification for Accountant (C0244E), Mercer County.

# **ACTION:**

# B-9 DEPUTY MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR (M0051E) HOBOKEN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-753

Hoboken requests permission not to make an appointment from the June 5, 2023, certification for Deputy Municipal Emergency Management Coordinator (M0051E), Hoboken.

# **ACTION:**

# **B-10 FORESTER TRAINEE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1043**

The Division of Agency Services requests the reactivation of the Forester Trainee title in the non-competitive division of the career service in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2.

The Division of Agency Services requests the creation of the title, Public Safety Telecommunicator First Responder Apprentice, State Police, and that it be allocated to the non-competitive division of the career service in accordance with N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2.