

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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# AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

APRIL 9, 2025

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#### **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of March 19, 2025.

#### **ACTION:**

#### WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

# The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Christine Dennett, Motor Vehicle Commission, return to previously held permanent title at the end of the working test period.

Melissa Doktor, Edna Mahan Correctional Facility, Department of Corrections, suspensions (2).

William Fallon, Department of Transportation, release at the end of the working test period.

Cesar Fernandez-Pena, Perth Amboy, Department of Public Works, suspension.

Daniel Hogan, Newark School District, release at the end of the working test period.

Justin Jackson, East Orange, Department of Public Safety, removal.

Theresa Marinelli, Stockton University, demotion.

Omayra Rivera, Essex County, Division of Citizen Services, removal.

Salvatore Spilletti, Hudson County, Department of Corrections, suspension.

#### **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:

Michael Harmon, Trenton Psychiatric Hospital, Department of Health, removal.

#### SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

#### A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Rasadeen Brown Newark Department of Public Works

Ismael Garcia-Nunez (2 appeals) Hudson County Department of Roads and Public Property

Glen Green Newark Department of Public Safety

Bruce Greenwood Department of Transportation

Ramon Johnson Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital Department of Health

Marcus Lisa Byram Police Department

Zaynah Pickett Newark Department of Public Safety

Stephen Pitts Camden City Department of Public Works

Jerrell Robinson Passaic County Board of Social Services

Wynee Spencer Newark Department of Public Safety

#### A-2 MAURICE BULLOCK – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-487

Maurice Bullock, Fire Captain, Newark, Department of Public Safety, 10 and 90 working day suspensions, on charges of insubordination, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the 10 working day suspension and uphold the 90 working day suspension.

#### **ACTION:**

#### A-3 MARIO FERNANDEZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1790

Mario Fernandez, County Correctional Police Sergeant, Hudson County, Department of Corrections, 40 working day suspension, on charges of on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the 40 working day suspension to a seven working day suspension.

#### ACTION:

## A-4 MICHAEL FLEURY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1622

Michael Fleury, Maintenance Worker 1, Grounds, Millville, Department of Parks and Public Property, removal, effective November 13, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

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

#### **ACTION:**

# A-5 YESSENIA MONTALVO – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2022-1463 AND 2022-3149 (Consolidated)

Yessenia Montalvo, Clerk 1, Bloomfield, Department of Municipal Court, 90 working day suspension and removal, effective June 1, 2022, on charges incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, insubordination, conduct unbecoming a public employee and other sufficient cause.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the 90 working day suspension and modify the removal to a 45 working day suspension.

# SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

# **B-1** J.M. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-764

J.M., represented by Stuart J. Alterman, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Sheriff's Officer candidate by Gloucester County and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Sheriff's Officer (C0219D).

# ACTION:

# B-2 S.A. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1670

S.A. appeals her rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Paterson and its request to remove her name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0117D).

# **ACTION:**

# **B-3 D.A.** – **CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-444**

D.A., represented by Stephen B. Hunter, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Elizabeth and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0039D).

## **ACTION:**

## **B-4** C.G. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2620

C.G., represented by Robert K. Chewning, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Fire Fighter candidate by Bloomfield and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2205D).

# ACTION:

## **B-5** JONATHAN OSPINA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-348

Jonathan Ospina, represented by Stephen B. Hunter, Esq. appeals the decision to remove his name from the Police Officer (M2205E), Elizabeth, eligible list.

# ACTION:

# **B-6 MAKHOSINI DHLAMINI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-988**

Makhosini Dhlamini, represented by Patrick P. Toscano, Jr., Esq., appeals the bypass of his name on the promotional list for County Correctional Police Sergeant (PC4825C), Hudson County.

# B-7 KENDRICK MANZANO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-363

Kendrick Manzano appeals the bypass of his name on the Fire Fighter (M2205D), Bloomfield eligible list.

# ACTION:

# B-8 IAN BRUNDAGE, ET AL. – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-940, ET AL.

Ian Brundage (PM3741F), Bloomfield; Sean Cahill (PM3785F), New Brunswick; Michael Clark (PM3820F), Winslow; Eric Santos (PM3786F), Newark; and Ryan Uzunis (PM3788F), North Brunswick; appeal the promotional examination for Police Captain (various jurisdictions).

## **ACTION:**

# B-9 JAMES CULLEN, ET AL. – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-914, ET AL.

James Cullen (PM3927F), West Orange; Anthony Damico (PM3828F), Belleville; Ryan Daughton (PM3888F), New Brunswick; Michal Gontarczuk and Benjamin Wuelfing (PM3865F), Kearny; Nicholas Haines (PM3880F), Middletown; Michael Kenna (PM3854F), Hamilton; Joseph Poole (PM3925F), Weehawken; Brian Rosas (PM3923F), Wallington; An Wang (PM3914F), South Amboy; and Andrew Wayne (PM3874F), Lopatcong; appeal the promotional examination for Police Lieutenant (various jurisdictions).

## **ACTION:**

# B-10 JACEK DEMCZUK, ET AL. - CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-535, ET AL.

Jacek Demczuk, Patrick Fiume and Anthony Scala appeal the determinations of the Division of Agency Services which found them ineligible for the promotional examination for Police Lieutenant (PM3891F), North Arlington.

## **ACTION:**

## B-11 MATTHEW MURPHY, ET AL. - CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-419, ET AL.

Matthew Murphy, Jamie Sackerman and Joseph Sloan appeal the determinations of the Division of Agency Services which found them ineligible for the promotional examination for Police Lieutenant (PM3856F), Harrison.

#### B-12 B.C. - CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1769

B.C., a Family Service Specialist 2 with the Department of Children and Families (DCF), requests a waiver of examination for the promotional examination for Family Service Specialist 1 (PS8271K), DCF.

#### ACTION:

#### B-13 C.D. - CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1753

C.D. appeals the test administration of the Police Sergeant (PM4704F), Bayonne promotional examination.

#### **ACTION:**

#### B-14 DENESHA RANSOME – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2886

Denesha Ransome requests a retest of the physical performance portion of the examination for Fire Fighter (M2276D), Willingboro.

#### **ACTION:**

# B-15 ERIC DELGADO AND TIMOTHY MITCHELL – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2024-1344, ET AL.

Eric Delgado and Timothy Mitchell, represented by David Beckett, Esq., appeal the determinations of the Division of Agency Services, which found that they did not meet the permanent service requirement for the promotional examination for Sergeant Campus Police (PS3229J), Montclair State University.

## **ACTION:**

# B-16 JASON CALLAN AND MICHAEL OLSON – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-431 AND 2025-432

Jason Callan and Michael Olson, represented by Stuart J. Alterman, Esq., petition the Civil Service Commission for reconsideration of its decision in *In the Matter of Jason Callan and Michael Olson, Camden County Sheriff's Office* (CSC, decided July 3, 2024).

## B-17 JOSEPH KELLY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-589

Joseph Kelly requests reconsideration of the final decision, rendered on July 24, 2024, which granted in part his appeal of his score on the oral portion of the promotional examination for Fire Officer 1 (PM2389C), Jersey City.

# ACTION:

## B-18 MACK RAGSDALE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1377

Mack Ragsdale, an Electronic Systems Technician 2, Atlantic City, Department of Municipal Utilities Authority, represented by David L. Tucker, President, Government Workers Union, requests back pay and reinstatement pursuant to *In the Matter of Mack Ragsdale* (CSC, decided November 6, 2024).

## **ACTION:**

## **B-19 THOMAS RIORDAN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-335**

Thomas Riordan, a Police Lieutenant with the Vineland Police Department, represented by Christohper St. John Esq., requests that the Civil Service Commission determine his entitlements to back pay, benefits and counsel fees pursuant to its June 12, 2024, decision.

## ACTION:

## **B-20 FRED MITCHELL – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2056**

Fred Mitchell, a former Fire Prevention Specialist, appeals Berkeley's calculation of his vacation leave entitlement for 2024.

## ACTION:

# B-21 CLASSIFICATION OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TITLES SERIES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1923

The Division of Agency Services requests the establishment of a new Classification Officer, Department of Corrections (DOC) title series for use in the DOC.

# B-22 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TITLES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1927

The Division of Agency Services requests that specified titles within the Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Health and the Department of Agriculture be placed in the noncompetitive division of the career service on an interim basis in order to permanently appoint 24 individuals in those agencies. Additionally, the New Jersey Governor's Office of Employee Relations and the Communications Workers of America request certain vacation time allotment for the affected employees.

## **ACTION:**

# B-23 HAMILTON TOWNSHIP SPECIAL REEMPLOYMENT LISTS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1926

Hamilton Township requests that the provisions of *N.J.A.C.* 4A:8-2.3 be relaxed so that it may utilize special reemployment lists created due to personnel actions stemming from the transfer of employees from Hamilton Fire Districts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to the Fire Division within Hamilton, effective January 1, 2021.

## **ACTION:**

## **B-24** CLAIMS INVESTIGATOR TRAINEE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1924

The Division of Agency Services, on behalf the Department of the Treasury, requests the creation of the noncompetitive title of Claims Investigator Trainee.

## **ACTION:**

## **B-25 TELEWORK RULE PROPOSAL**

Submitted for the Commission's approval is a Notice of Proposal to promulgate new rules, N.J.A.C. 4A:6-7 et seq., Telework Program: State service, in accordance with In the Matter of Model Telework Pilot Program, State Executive Branch Employees (CSC, decided April 6, 2022); In the Matter of Model Telework Pilot Program, State Executive Branch Employees (CSC, decided July 20, 2022); In the Matter of Model Telework Pilot Program, State Executive Branch Employees (CSC, decided June 7, 2023); and In the Matter of Model Telework Pilot Program, State Executive Branch Employees (CSC, decided May 22, 2024). The proposal also calls for amendment to N.J.A.C. 4A:6-2.5, Hours of Work, and N.J.A.C. 4A:6-2.7, Alternative Workweek Programs: State service, to ensure consistency with the proposed new rules.