MINUTES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at 9:30 a.m.

522 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

9:30 A.M. CLOSED SESSION

Consideration of the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of public employees pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, for the positions listed below.
CONVENED THE MEETING AT 9:30 A.M. AND WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:30 A.M.

10:00 A.M. AGENDA

RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 10:20 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: AFRIAT, DONNER, HERNANDEZ, KAHWAJIAN, NIGHTINGALE

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, April 12, 2017, for approval APPROVED.

Consideration of Consent Calendar ADOPTED.

Unfinished Business

1. Petition of MICHELE LANDA for a hearing on her discharge, effective October 5, 2015, from the position of Children’s Social Worker III, Department of Children and Family Services, Case No. 15-290.
SUSTAINED THE PETITIONER’S OBJECTIONS, IN PART. THE COMMISSION REJECTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER TO SUSTAIN THE DEPARTMENT AND PROPOSED A NEW DECISION TO IMPOSE A THIRTY (30) DAY SUSPENSION. THE PETITIONER WAIVED BACK PAY. COMMISSIONER DONNER AND KAHWAJIAN DISSENTED.
2. Petition of **LUIS ACOSTA** for a hearing on his thirty (30) day **suspension**, effective October 10, 2016, from the position of Fire Fighter Specialist, Fire Department, **Case No. 16-277**. RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION. HEARING CANCELLED.

3. Petition of **YOLANDA TRINIDAD** for a hearing on her **discharge**, effective August 5, 2016, from the position of Intermediate Clerk, Department of Public Social Services, **Case No. 16-229**. RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION BASED ON A SETTLEMENT. HEARING CANCELLED.
New Business

4. Petition of CHAD CHRISTENSEN for a hearing on his six (6) day suspension, effective February 17, 2017, from the position of Fire Captain, Fire Department, Case No. 17-29. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

5. Petition of FELIPE MUNOZ for a hearing on his ten (10) day suspension, effective January 30, 2017, from the position of Senior Typist Clerk, Internal Services Department, Case No. 17-31. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

6. Petition of BENITO SOTO III for a hearing on his fifteen (15) day suspension, effective February 20, 2017, from the position of Stationary Engineer II, Internal Services Department, Case No. 17-36. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

7. Petition of LEVI ROSS for a hearing on his reduction, effective January 17, 2017, from the position of Senior Community Worker I to Community Worker, Department of Mental Health, Case No. 17-27. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

8. Petition of TENITA GALLOWAY for a hearing on her discharge, effective February 3, 2017, from the position of Law Enforcement Technician, Sheriff's Department, Case No. 17-35. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

9. Petition of REGINA JIMENEZ for a hearing on her discharge, effective January 24, 2017, from the position of Public Health Nurse, Department of Children and Family Services, Case No. 17-33. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

10. Petition of SHEILA ALLEN for a hearing on her medical release, effective October 28, 2016, from the position of Children's Social Worker III, Department of Children and Family Services, Case No. 17-9. HEARING DENIED. (NO ONE APPEARED FOR THE PETITIONER.)

11. Petition of JOHN CHENG for a hearing on the Director of Personnel's denial of his appeal of the Appraisal of Promotability score received in the examination of Accounting Officer III, based on his claim of a Civil Service Rule 25 violation, Case No. 17-18. HEARING DENIED.
New Business (continued)

12. Petition of BLAKE JOHNSON for a hearing on his disqualification in the examination for Children's Social Worker Trainee, based on his claim of a Civil Service Rule 25 violation, Case No. 17-15.
   HEARING DENIED. (DENIED THE DEPARTMENT’S REQUEST TO SEAL THE RECORD.)

13. Petition of FRANK P. LIEU for a hearing on the Director of Personnel's denial of his appeal of the interview score received in the examination for Senior Application Developer, Case No. 17-12.
   THE COMMISSION CONTINUED THE MATTER FOR FOUR (4) WEEKS IN ORDER FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

14. Petition of MARICELA GUILLERMO for a hearing on her discharge, effective September 14, 2012, from the position of Pharmacy Services Chief II, Department of Health Services, Health Services Administration, Case No. 12-300.
   CONTINUED THE MATTER IN ORDER FOR THE PARTIES TO BRIEF THE COMMISSION.

Miscellaneous

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.
   NO PUBLIC COMMENTS.

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:47 A.M.
CLOSED SESSION

Consideration of confidential peace officer appeals pursuant to Copley Press.

Unfinished Business

16. Petitioner’s request for a hearing on her twenty (20) day suspension, from the position of Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, Probation Department, Case No. 16-69. ANNOUNCED AS THE PROPOSED DECISION OF THE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, BRENT ROSENBAUM, TO SUSTAIN THE DEPARTMENT.

17. Petitioner’s request for a hearing on her fifteen (15) day suspension, effective April 11, 2016, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff’s Department, Case No. 16-103. ANNOUNCED AS THE PROPOSED DECISION OF THE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, CAROL A. VENDRILLO, TO REDUCE THE FIFTEEN (15) DAY SUSPENSION TO A WRITTEN REPRIMAND.

18. Petitioner’s request for a hearing on his fifteen (15) day suspension, effective May 2, 2016, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff’s Department, Case No. 16-115. RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION BASED ON A SETTLEMENT. HEARING CANCELLED.

New Business

19. Petitioner’s request for a hearing on his discharge, effective February 3, 2017, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff’s Department, Case No. 17-34. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.

20. Petitioner A of for a hearing on his suspension not to exceed thirty (30) days following judgment of a criminal matter, effective January 7, 2014, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff’s Department, and petitioner B for a hearing on his suspension not to exceed thirty (30) days following judgment of a criminal matter, effective January 2, 2014, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, and petitioner C of for a hearing on his suspension not to exceed thirty (30) days following judgment of a criminal matter, effective January 7, 2014, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department Case No. 14-31. CONTINUED AT THE REQUEST OF RICHARD SHINEE, ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONERS, IN ORDER FOR HIM TO BE PRESENT.
Legal Advisors:
Ed Lewis
Melodie Larsen

Head, Civil Service Commission:
Steve Cheng

Head Commission Specialist:
Luz Delgado

APPROVED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON APRIL 26, 2017

Lawrence D. Crocker
Executive Director