

# MINUTES

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014 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 9:31 A.M. AND WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 9:32 A.M.

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### **10:00 A.M. AGENDA**

RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 10:32 A.M.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: DONNER, FOX, KAHWAJIAN, MARTINEZ

PRESIDENT MARTINEZ NOTED THAT THE SECOND DISTRICT COMMISSION SEAT IS VACANT.

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, May 21, 2014, for approval  
APPROVED.

Consideration of Consent Calendar  
APPROVED.

Unfinished Business

1. *Petition of **RUTHIE DEVERS** for a hearing on her **discharge**, effective July 20, 2012, from the position of Senior Typist Clerk, Department of Public Health, **Case No. 12-228**.*  
RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION BASED ON A SETTLEMENT. HEARING CANCELLED.
  
2. *Petition of **MOSES KARIM, JR.** for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective January 8, 2013, from the position of Grounds Maintenance Worker I, Department of Parks and Recreation, **Case No. 13-032**.*  
RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION BASED ON A SETTLEMENT. HEARING CANCELLED.
  
3. *Petition of **BETHLY L. MILLS** for a hearing on her ten (10) day **suspension**, effective September 27, 2013, from the position of Nursing Attendant I, Department of Health Services, LAC+USC Medical Center, **Case No. 13-445**.*  
RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION BASED ON A SETTLEMENT. HEARING CANCELLED.
  
4. *Petition of **CHRISTOPHER DAVIS** for a hearing on his **disqualification** from the position of Fire Fighter Trainee, based on his claim of a Civil Service Rule 25 violation, **Case No. 13-480**.*  
CONTINUED FOR SIXTY (60) DAYS AT THE REQUEST OF THE PARTIES. AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND FILE A WITHDRAWAL.
  
5. *Petition of **MELINA PRIETO** for a hearing on her ten (10) day **suspension**, effective February 17, 2014, from the position of Licensed Vocation Nurse I, Department of Health Services, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, **Case No. 14-76**.*  
RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION BASED ON A SETTLEMENT.

New Business

6. *Petition of **MICHAEL S. CHERNIK** for a hearing on his **suspension** not to exceed thirty (30) days pending investigation, effective April 2, 2014, from the position of Information Systems Analyst II, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 14-126.***  
RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION.
  
7. *Petition of **STEPHEN WESTON** for a hearing on his ten (10) day **suspension**, effective April 21, 2014, from the position of Fire Fighter, Fire Department, **Case No. 14-129.***  
HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
8. *Petition of **JOSE IZQUIERDO** for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective April 15, 2014, from the position of Children's Social Worker III, Department of Children and Family Services, **Case No. 14-127.***  
HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
9. *Amended petition of **ANTHONY JOHNSON** for a hearing on the Director of Personnel's denial of his appeal of the **application rejection** in the examination for Public Works Laborer, Temporary, based on his claim of a Civil Service Rule 25 violation, **Case No. 13-535.***  
DENIED. (NO ONE APPEARED FOR THE PETITIONER).
  
10. *Petition of **JANINE M. GUTIERREZ ROJAS** for a hearing on her claim of the violation of Civil Service Rules in her position of Senior Secretary V, Department of the Assessor, **Case No. 14-125.***  
CONTINUED TO THE MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2014, FOR INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES.

Miscellaneous

11. 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 TO CLOSED SESSION AT 10:48 A.M.

## CLOSED SESSION

Consideration of confidential peace officer appeals pursuant to Copley Press.

### Unfinished Business

12. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective February 5, 2013, from the position of Deputy Probation Officer II, Probation Department, **Case No. 13-054.***  
OVERRULED THE PETITIONER'S OBJECTIONS. THE COMMISSION ADOPTED AS ITS FINAL DECISION THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, HERBERT STEINBERG, TO SUSTAIN THE DEPARTMENT.
  
13. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective August 3, 2006, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 06-322.***  
RECEIVED AND FILED COMMUNICATION WITHDRAWING THE PETITION. HEARING CANCELLED.
  
14. *Writ of Administrative Mandamus received in the petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective June 4, 2010, from the position of Senior Detention Services Officer, Probation Department, **Case No. 10-220.***  
THE COMMISSION REVISED AND ADOPTED THE FINDINGS OF FACT PREPARED BY ESTEBAN LIZARDO, ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER. THE COMMISSION IMPOSED A THIRTY (30) DAY SUSPENSION. COMMISSIONER DONNER ABSTAINED.
  
15. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on the Director of Personnel's denial of his appeal of the **Appraisal of Promotability score** received in the examination for Supervising Deputy Probation Officer, **Case No. 14-3.***  
AUTHORIZED THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE AND FILE A WITHDRAWAL.

**CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

New Business

16. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective May 16, 2013, from the position of Sergeant, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 13-249.***  
GRANTED THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO HOLD THE HEARING IN ABEYANCE, NOTING THAT THE PETITIONER AGREED TO A SALARY WAIVER UNTIL THE JUDGEMENT IN THE CRIMINAL MATTER.
17. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on her **discharge**, effective October 22, 2013, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 13-506.***  
DENIED. THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR A NEW STRIKE OFF LIST OF HEARING OFFICERS AND DENIED THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO USE DIFFERENT HEARING OFFICERS FOR CASE NOS. 13-506 AND 13-531.
18. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on her **discharge**, effective October 22, 2013, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 13-531.***  
DENIED THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR A NEW STRIKE OFF LIST OF HEARING OFFICERS AND DENIED THE PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO USE DIFFERENT HEARING OFFICERS FOR CASE NOS. 13-506 AND 13-531.

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 11:29 A.M.

READ INTO THE RECORD AN ACCOUNTING OF ACTIONS TAKEN DURING CLOSED SESSION.

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 11:30 A.M.

Legal Advisor:  
Lester J. Tolnai

Head Civil Service Commission:  
Steve Cheng

Head Commission Specialist:  
Steve Erickson

APPROVED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE  
COMMISSION ON JUNE 4, 2014

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence D. Crocker".

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Lawrence D. Crocker  
Executive Director