

**MINUTES**

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2015 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 10:49 A.M.

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

Minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, February 18, 2015, for approval  
APPROVED; COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ ABSTAINED

Consideration of Consent Calendar  
APPROVED

Unfinished Business

1. *Petition of **ED LEI** for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective January 27, 2014, from the position of Children's Social Worker III, Department of Children and Family Services, **Case No. 14-55.***

ANNOUNCED AS THE PROPOSED DECISION OF THE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, STEVEN PRESBERG, TO SUSTAIN THE DEPARTMENT.

New Business

2. *Petition of **MICHAEL BURNETT** for a hearing on his fifteen (15) day **suspension**, effective December 4, 2014, from the position of Fire Captain, Fire Department, **Case No. 14-401.***  
TAKEN OFF CALENDAR; THE PARTIES WERE INSTRUCTED TO NOTIFY THE COMMISSION WHEN THEY ARE READY TO PROCEED.
  
3. *Petition of **NELVA VALLE** for a hearing on her fifteen (15) day **suspension**, effective December 8, 2014, from the position of Eligibility Supervisor, Department of Public Social Services, **Case No. 14-403.***  
HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
4. *Petition of **BRENDA VARELA** for a hearing on her twenty (20) day **suspension**, effective December 22, 2014, from the position of Intermediate Clerk, Department of Public Health, **Case No. 14-410.***  
HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
5. *Petition of **MIKKI BEERMANN** for a hearing on her **reduction**, effective December 10, 2014, from the position of Psychiatric Social Worker II to the position of Medical Case Worker II, Department of Mental Health, **Case No. 14-407.***  
CONTINUED IN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE PETITIONER'S ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
  
6. *Petition of **JOAQUIN NAVARRO** for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective December 11, 2014, from the position of Medical Case Worker I, Department of Mental Health, **Case No. 14-406.***  
HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
7. *Petition of **JOSE EDUARDO AGUILAR** for hearing on his on his denial of **re-instatement** to the position of Eligibility Worker II, **Case No. 14-398.***  
HEARING DENIED.

Miscellaneous

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

ADJOURNED INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 11:14 A.M.

## CLOSED SESSION

Consideration of confidential peace officer appeals pursuant to Copley Press.

### Unfinished Business

9. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on her **discharge**, effective May 12, 2014, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 14-186**.*  
ANNOUNCED AS THE PROPOSED DECISION OF THE COMMISSION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, JERRY ELLNER, TO DEEM THE PETITION WITHDRAWN PURSUANT TO CIVIL SERVICE RULE 4.08(B).
10. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective October 17, 2013, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 13-508**.*  
CONTINUED AT THE REQUEST OF ELIZABETH GIBBONS, ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER, IN ORDER FOR HER TO BE PRESENT.
11. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective March 22, 2011, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 11-103**.*  
CONTINUED IN ORDER FOR THE COMMISSION TO READ THE RECORD.
12. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his twenty-five (25) day **suspension**, effective November 4, 2013, from the position of Deputy Probation Officer I, Probation Department, **Case No. 13-524**.*  
SUSTAINED THE DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIONS. IN PART, THE COMMISSION REJECTED THE HEARING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION TO REDUCE THE TWENTY-FIVE (25) DAY SUSPENSION TO A TWO (2) DAY SUSPENSION, AND INSTEAD PROPOSED A NEW TWENTY (20) DAY SUSPENSION.
13. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on her **discharge**, effective May 24, 2013, from the position of Deputy Probation Officer I, Probation Department, **Case No. 13-261**.*  
OVER-RULED THE DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIONS. THE COMMISSION ADOPTED AS ITS FINAL DECISION, THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE HEARING OFFICER, JAN FRANKEL SCHAU, TO NOT SUSTAIN THE DEPARTMENT IN THE DISCHARGE.

**CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

New Business

14. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his thirty (30) day **suspension**, effective December 22, 2014, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 14-402.***  
HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
15. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on her twenty (20) day **suspension**, effective October 16, 2014, from the position of Detention Services Officer, Probation Department, **Case No. 14-404.***  
THE COMMISSION WAIVED TIMELINESS. HEARING GRANTED – HEARING OFFICER TO BE ASSIGNED.
  
16. *Petitioner's request for a hearing on his **discharge**, effective November 20, 2012, from the position of Deputy Sheriff, Sheriff's Department, **Case No. 12-388.***  
THE COMMISSION GRANTED THE JOINT REQUEST TO CERTIFY AN ADDITIONAL ISSUE.

ADJOURNED CLOSED SESSION AND RECONVENED THE MEETING AT 12:33 P.M.

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

ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 12:35 P.M.

LEGAL ADVISOR:  
Lester J. Tolnai

Head Civil Service Commission:  
Steve Cheng

Head Commission Specialist:  
Luz Delgado

APPROVED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE  
COMMISSION ON MARCH 4, 2015

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

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Lawrence D. Crocker  
Executive Director