

STATE OF NEW JERSEY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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AGENDA OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

JULY 23, 2025

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of July 2, 2025.

ACTION:

WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

John Bell, Mercer County, Department of Corrections, removal.

Antonio Caprara, South Toms River, Police Department, removal.

Christopher Ebanks, Essex County, Department of Corrections, removal.

Jannette Garcia, Winslow, Department of Administrative and Executive, removal.

Jarrod Shuford, Newark School District, removal.

Stacy Speidel, Brick, Department of Administration and Finance, removal.

Tanazha Williams, East Orange, Department of Public Safety, 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:

Eric Brown, Paterson, Department of Economic Development, release at the end of the working test period.

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Gerardo Colon Union City Department of Public Safety

Rueben Greaves Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Department of Health

Avicious Kennedy Trenton Psychiatric Hospital Department of Health

ACTION:

A-2 DENISE DELEON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1509

Denise DeLeon, Human Services Specialist 2, Bilingual in Spanish/English, Middlesex County, Board of Social Services, demotion to Human Services Aide, Bilingual in Spanish/English, effective April 12, 2021, on charges or incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties and inability to perform duties.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge - Uphold the demotion.

ACTION:

A-3 STEPHEN HEDBERG – CSC DOCKET NO. 2020-2082

Stephen Hedberg, Police Officer, Perth Amboy, Police Department, 20 working day suspension, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the 20 working day suspension to a 10 working day suspension.

A-4 MICHAEL KOPIE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2529

Michael Kopie, Electrical Mechanic, Department of Transportation, 35 working day suspension, on charges of other sufficient cause, by violating departmental policies regarding overtime.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the 35 working day suspension.

ACTION:

A-5 PRIYANKA MATHUR – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2292

Priyanka Mathur, Manager 1, Human Resources, Department of Children and Families, return to previously held permanent title at the end of the working test period, effective April 15, 2024.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the return to previously held permanent title at the end of the working test period.

ACTION:

A-6 ANGELINA SALDANA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-622

Angelina Saldana, Clerk 1, Burlington County, Board of Social Services, release at the end of the working test period, effective August 20, 2024.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the release at the end of the working test period.

ACTION:

A-7 CHINWE UGORJI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1653

Chinwe Ugorji, Security Guard, Newark School District, removal, effective January 17, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and other sufficient cause.

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

A-8 ROBERT WARGOCKI – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-390

Robert Wargocki, Police Captain, Carteret, Police Department, 60 working day suspension and demotion, effective August 7, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties, conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty and violating departmental policies.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the 60 working day suspension and demotion.

ACTION:.

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 A.D. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1374

A.D., represented by Stephen B. Hunter, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Fire Fighter candidate by Hackensack and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2229D).

ACTION:

B-2 A.L. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1868

A.L., represented by Kenneth Ralph, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Fire Fighter candidate by North Hudson Regional Fire and Rescue and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2251D).

ACTION:

B-3 ALFREDO VALENTIN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1023

Alfredo Valentin appeals the removal of his name from the eligible list for Fire Fighter (M2250D), Newark.

ACTION:

B-4 DIANA SANCHEZ-ROMERO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-2613

Diana Sanchez-Romero requests to take a make-up examination for the Claims Reviewer (S1265E), Statewide open competitive examination.

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B-5 RICHARD HERNANDEZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-221

Richard Hernandez appeals his oral score on the promotional examination for Police Captain (PM4699D) Fort Lee.

ACTION:

B-6 Z.C. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-2510

Z.C. appeals the test administration of the Assistant Training Supervisor County Welfare Agency (PC4277F), Essex County promotional examination.

ACTION:

B-7 LYDIA ROSARIO AND JENNIFER HIRSCHMANNER – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-1640 AND 2025-1641

Lydia Rosario and Jennifer Hirschmanner appeal their reassignments.

ACTION:

B-8 D.H. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1804

D.H., a Supervising Family Service Specialist 2 with the Department of Children and Families, appeals the determination of a Deputy Commissioner, which substantiated that she violated the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

ACTION:

B-9 MATTHEW RADECKY – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1903

Pohatcong, represented by Robert J. Merryman, Esq., requests reconsideration of *In the Matter of Matthew Radecky* (CSC, decided February 5, 2025). In the alternative, Pohatcong requests a stay of that decision.

ACTION:

B-10 FORENSIC SCIENTIST 1, LOCAL GOVERNMENT TITLE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-2719

The Division of Agency Services recommends the reallocation of the Forensic Scientist 1 local government title to the noncompetitive division of the career service.