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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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**AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

February 25, 2026

**Allison Chris Myers, Chairperson
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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of February 4, 2026.

ACTION:

WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Eryn Byrd, Mercer County, Corrections Center, removal.

Brenda Rodriguez, Hunterdon Developmental Center, Department of Human Services, removal.

Joshua Snyder, Gloucester County, Department of Emergency Response, 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:

Joseph Breheny, Department of Transportation, suspension.

Zhakier Seville, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law and Public Safety, release at the end of the working test period.

ACTION:

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Jamal Armstrong
Department of Children and Families

Perparim Domi
City of Hackensack
Department of Public Works

Nicole Riley
Ann Klein Forensic Center
Department of Health

Patricia Sanders
Ocean County
Board of Social Services

Takeyia Tucker
City of Paterson
Fire Department

Saim Yilmaz
State Parole Board

ACTION:

A-2 F.A. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-963

F.A., a Sheriff's Officer Sergeant with Atlantic County Sheriff's Office, was demoted to Sheriff's Officer, effective October 17, 2023, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee and violations of departmental rules and regulations.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the demotion.

ACTION:

A-3 JOHN T. ARRINGTON – CSC DOCKET NO. 2021-1854

John T. Arrington, a Senior Correctional Police Officer with the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, Department of Corrections, was removed on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, other sufficient cause, and violations of departmental rules and regulations.

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

ACTION:**A-4 RENE CRUZ – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1043**

Rene Cruz, a County Correctional Police Officer with Cumberland County, Department of Corrections, was suspended for 10 working days on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Modify the 10 working day suspension to a 90 working day suspension.

ACTION:**A-5 JOSEPH DIFRANCESCO – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-2365**

Joseph DiFrancesco, a Fire Fighter with the City of Newark, Department of Public Safety, was removed, effective August 6, 2024, on charges of conduct unbecoming a public employee, neglect of duty, other sufficient cause, and violations of departmental rules and regulations.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:**A-6 C.M. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-1313**

C.M., a Morgue Attendant with Gloucester County, Office of the Medical Examiner, was removed, effective September 23, 2024, 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 removal to a six-month suspension.

ACTION:

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 S.J. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-689

S.J. appeals his nonappointment on the Fire Official (M0412G), Pleasantville.

ACTION:

B-2 TEREJONA ACOSTA – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-414

Teregjona Acosta appeals the determination of the Division of Agency Services, which found that she did not meet the announced requirements for the promotional examination for Director of Neighborhood Preservation Program (PM2419F), Hamilton Township.

ACTION:

B-3 LULA LEE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-1809

Lula Lee appeals the administration of the promotional examination for Administrative Supervisor, Social Work (PC5093D), Hudson County.

ACTION:

B-4 RUDOLPH BEU – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-1591 AND 2025-961

Rudolph Beu, a Deputy Police Chief with the Vineland Police Department, represented by Colin G. Bell, Esq., requests enforcement of the Civil Service Commission's decision in *In the Matter of Rudolph Beu, Vineland Police Department* (CSC, decided September 25, 2024). The appointing authority, represented by William F. Cook Esq., requests a stay of that same decision, pending its appeal to the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.

ACTION:**B-5 BRANDON RAMOS – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2026-662, *ET AL.***

Brandon Ramos, a County Police Officer with Camden County, represented by Paul W. Tyshchenko, Esq., requests interim relief regarding his immediate and indefinite suspension and continued separation from employment.

ACTION:**B-6 C.B. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-141**

C.B. appeals the layoff plan submitted by Union County for July 1, 2024 and his recorded hire date, salary, and pension.

ACTION:**B-7 J.J. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-2432**

J.J., a former Building Maintenance Worker with Passaic County, appeals her resignation in good standing effective February 7, 2024.

ACTION:**B-8 ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CLOUD SOLUTIONS ARCHITECT – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-1809**

The Division of Agency Services requests the establishment of the noncompetitive title of Artificial Intelligence Cloud Solutions Architect for State government use in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 4A:3-1.2(c).

ACTION:

**B-9 RESEARCH SCIENTIST TITLE SERIES, BOTANY AND PHARMACY
VARIANTS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-1808**

The Division of Agency Services requests the establishment of the noncompetitive titles of Research Scientist 3, 2, and 1, Botany, and Research Scientist 3, 2, and 1, Pharmacy, for use in State government in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 4A:3-1.2.

ACTION: