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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

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

April 8, 2026

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CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

Submitted for adoption are the Civil Service Commission minutes of its meeting of March 18, 2026.

ACTION:

WITHDRAWAL OF APPEALS

The following appeals were withdrawn and removed from the hearing calendar:

Brielle Hayes, City of Millville School District, release at the end of the working test period.

Jonah Jones, Burlington County, Department of Solid Waste Management, release at the end of the working test period.

Kamil Warraich, City of Asbury Park, Police Department, suspension.

ACTION:

SECTION A – HEARING MATTERS

A-1 SETTLEMENTS

Ebenezer Eso
Greystone Park Psychiatric Hospital
Department of Health

Mario Fernandez (2)
Hudson County
Department of Corrections

Byron Geronimo and
Gabriel Serrano (Consolidated)
City of Newark
Department of Public Safety

Efrain Gonzalez
Jersey City School District

Reagen Pierre (3)
City of Orange Township
Police Department

ACTION:

A-2 NA'ASHA BROWN – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1336

Na'Asha Brown, a County Correctional Police Officer with Mercer County, Department of Corrections, appeals her removal, effective February 15, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties; conduct unbecoming a public employee; neglect of duty; and other sufficient cause, specifically, violations of the Mercer County Public Safety Table of Offenses and Penalties.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Reverse the removal.

ACTION:

A-3 N.B. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-1324

N.B., a Municipal Recycling Coordinator with the Township of Lakewood, Department of Public Works, appeals his removal, effective November 28, 2023, on charges of inability to perform duties; conduct unbecoming a public employee; neglect of duty; and other sufficient cause, specifically, a violation of an agreement between the township and the union.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the removal.

ACTION:

A-4 VANESSA HOWARD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2131

Vanessa Howard, a former County Correctional Police Sergeant with Monmouth County, Department of Corrections and Youth Services, appeals her 45 working day suspension, effective March 3, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency, or failure to perform duties; conduct unbecoming a public employee; neglect of duty; and other sufficient cause, specifically, violations of departmental rules and regulations.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Uphold the 45 working day suspension.

ACTION:

A-5 GINA LEWIS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2622

Gina Lewis, a County Correctional Police Officer with Union County, Sheriff's Department, appeals her layoff for reasons of economy or efficiency effective June 30, 2024.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Grant the appointing authority's motion for summary decision and uphold the layoff.

ACTION:

A-6 S.P. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2023-2641

S.P., a Supervising Sewage Plant Repairer with Parsippany-Troy Hills Township, Department of Municipal Utilities, appeals his removal, effective April 1, 2023, on charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties; conduct unbecoming a public employee; neglect of duty; inability to perform duties; neglect of duty; discrimination that affects equal employment opportunity; and other sufficient cause, specifically, a violation of the township's discrimination and harassment policy.

Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge – Dismiss the appeal for failure to appear.

ACTION:

A-7 MATTHEW STRAUSS – CSC DOCKET NO. 2024-2528

Matthew Strauss, a County Correctional Police Sergeant with Bergen County, Sheriff's Department, appeals his demotion to County Correctional Police Officer, effective May 15, 2024, and his suspension for 60 working days, effective May 16, 2024, on charges of charges of incompetency, inefficiency or failure to perform duties; inability to perform duties; conduct unbecoming a public employee; neglect of duty; and other sufficient cause, specifically, violations of standard operating procedures, the use of force policy, and employee rules and regulations.

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

ACTION:

SECTION B – MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

B-1 J.G. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-2449

J.G., represented by Timothy M. Smith, Esq., appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by Weehawken Township and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (M0395F).

ACTION:

B-2 SULAIMAN SHITTU – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-635

Sulaiman Shittu appeals the removal of his name from the eligible list for Fiscal Analyst (M0527D), City of Newark.

ACTION:

B-3 CHRIS WOJACZYK AND LESLIE ROBERTSON – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2025-2628 AND 2025-2869

Chris Wojaczyk and Leslie Robertson appeal the promotional examination for Correctional Police Lieutenant (PS9117P), Youth Justice Commission.

ACTION:

B-4 M.A.-B. – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-649

M.A.-B., a former Government Representative 2 with the Department of the Treasury, appeals the determination of the Assistant Treasurer, stating that there was insufficient evidence to support a finding that the appellant had been subjected to a violation of the New Jersey State Policy Prohibiting Discrimination in the Workplace.

ACTION:

B-5 PATRICK GEARY AND CHARLES DISHON – CSC DOCKET NOS. 2026-852 AND 2026-902

Ocean County, represented by Robert D. Budesa, Esq., requests reconsideration of the decision of the Civil Service Commission in *In the Matters of Patrick Geary and Charles Dishon, Ocean County* (CSC, decided September 10, 2025). Patrick Geary, a County Correctional Police Lieutenant with Ocean County, requests a retroactive date of appointment.

ACTION:

B-6 CAROLYN WHITEHEAD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-1000

East Orange, represented by Sean M. Pena, Esq., requests reconsideration of the decision of the Civil Service Commission in *In the Matter of Carolyn Whitehead* (CSC, decided September 24, 2025).

ACTION:

B-7 CAROLYN WHITEHEAD – CSC DOCKET NO. 2025-721

Carolyn Whitehead requests a determination by the Civil Service Commission regarding the back pay awarded in *In the Matter of Carolyn Whitehead, East Orange, Department of Policy, Planning and Development* (CSC, decided February 28, 2024).

ACTION:

B-8 STEPHEN SZELES – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-566

Stephen Szeles, represented by Stuart J. Alterman, Esq., appeals his nonappointment on the Supervising Medical Security Officer (PS5107H), Ann Klein Forensic Center, Department of Health, eligible list.

ACTION:

B-9 INVESTIGATOR AND INVESTIGATOR, BILINGUAL IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2217

The Division of Agency Services requests the reallocation of the Investigator and Investigator, Bilingual in Spanish and English, titles to the noncompetitive division of the career service for use by the New Jersey Judiciary in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2*.

ACTION:

B-10 PUBLIC WORKS TRAINEE – CSC DOCKET NO. 2026-2069

The Division of Agency Services requests the establishment of the noncompetitive title of Public Works Trainee for use in local government in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2*.

ACTION:

**B-11 STATE PROCUREMENT SPECIALIST TRAINEE – CSC DOCKET NO.
2026-2049**

The Division of Agency Services requests the establishment of the noncompetitive title of State Procurement Specialist Trainee for use in the Department of the Treasury in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 4A:3-1.2*.

ACTION: