

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.
Online Meeting

- A. The regular business meeting of the Civil Service Commission was called to order by President Lori Thacker at 1:05 p.m. Also present were Vice-President Maricela Amezola, and Commissioner Aaron Olsen. Commissioner Jacquelyn R. Atkinson and Commissioner Dr. Don E. Conley were absent.

- B. The staff was represented by Personnel Director Douglas Edwards, Assistant Personnel Director Anne Lamén Aban, and Assistant to the Director Dina Marocco. Serving as legal advisor to the Commission was Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Berry.



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Civil Service Commission

MINUTES

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Until further notice, Civil Service Commission meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of [California Executive Order 29-20](#), which suspends certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

During the current State of Emergency and in the interest of public health and safety, all members of the Civil Service Commission will be participating in meetings by teleconference. In accordance with the Executive Order, there will be no members of the public in attendance at the meetings. We are providing alternatives to in-person attendance for viewing and participating in meetings.

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments in the following manner:

Comment on Agenda Items must be submitted at [webform](#) indicating the agenda item number they wish to submit their comment for. Only comments submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting using the public comment form will be eligible to be read into the record. If you submit more than one form per item, only one will be read into the record for that item. Comments received after 4:00 p.m. the day prior and before 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting will be provided to the Civil Service Commission and posted online with the meeting materials. All comments are limited to 200 words. Comments received after 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item.

Non-Agenda Public Comment must be submitted at [webform](#) checking the appropriate box in order to be eligible to be read into the record. Staff will read the first 30 comments received by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. However, if there are less than 30 comments submitted by 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, the City will read comments submitted by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting up to a total of 30 comments. The maximum number of comments to be read into the record on a single issue will be 16. Comments submitted by 1:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting will be provided to the Civil Service Commission, made a part of the record, and posted with the meeting materials. All comments are limited to 200 words. Comments received after 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting but before Non-agenda comment is called will be submitted into the written record for the meeting.

Civil Service Commission Closed Session Public Comment must be submitted at [webform](#) no later than 4:00 p.m. the day prior to the posted meeting in order to be eligible to be read into the record. Comments received after 4:00 p.m. the day prior and before 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting will be provided to the Civil Service Commission and posted online with the meeting materials. All comments are limited to 200 words.

Comments received after 1:00 p.m. the day of the meeting but before the item is called will be submitted into the written record for the relevant item. If you wish to submit written materials for submission into the record or have an attachment to your comment, you may send it to AArevalo@sandiego.gov and it will be distributed to the Civil Service Commission in accordance with the deadlines described above.

The public may view this meeting on YouTube. Click [here](#) to view the meeting at its scheduled time.

REQUESTS FOR ACCESSIBILITY MODIFICATIONS OR ACCOMMODATIONS

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Note: If applicable, the Civil Service Commission will meet in Closed Session at 12:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter. Public Comment on Closed Session items will occur at the start of the 12:00 p.m. session before the Commission adjourns into Closed Session. The Commission will reconvene for Open Session at 1:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter.

This agenda and the supplemental information for each agenda item, if any, can be made available in alternative formats to assist persons with disabilities. Special assistance at the meeting is also available. To request such assistance, please call the Personnel Department Services Supervisor at 619-236-6402. Requests should be made as early as possible prior to the meeting. Every attempt will be made to accommodate all reasonable requests.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

INTRODUCTION

1. Roll Call.

ACTION TAKEN/PENDING

Present were President Lori Thacker, Vice-President Maricela Amezola, and Commissioner Aaron Olsen. Commissioner Jacquelyn R. Atkinson and Commissioner Dr. Don E. Conley were absent.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the agenda provides an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (Comments relating to items on today's docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard.)

Time allotted to each speaker is determined by the Chair. Comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes **total per subject** regardless of the number of those wishing to speak. Pursuant to the Brown Act, no discussion or action, other than a referral, shall be taken by the Commission on any issue brought forth under "Non-Agenda Public Comment."

CONSENT AGENDA (Items 2 through 5 can be approved with one motion.)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Approval of the minutes for the regular business meeting of September 3, 2020.3. Leaves of Absence Without Pay - In Order. Items 10 through 11.4. Approval of Exceptional Merit Increase for Saivaauli A. Savaiinaea, Equipment Technician I (Option Class: Communications).5. Approval of Exceptional Merit Increase for Talesa J. Trout, Senior Clerk/Typist. | <p>Approved items 2 through 5 with one motion.</p> |
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POLICY ITEMS - DISCUSSION

6. Request from the Office of the Mayor to exempt two Program Manager positions from the Classified Service. Approved.
Speaking for staff were Saba Berenji and Darren Keenaghan.
Speaking for the department was Almis Udrys.
7. Request from the Police Department to exempt a Program Coordinator position from the Classified Service. Approved.
Speaking for staff was Saba Berenji.
8. Staff recommendation on special salary adjustment for the Fiscal Year 2022 Salary Ordinance. Speaking for staff was Saba Berenji.
- Recommended for Approval
(1) Power Plant Superintendent
1. **Power Plant Superintendent Request for Special Salary Adjustment of 20%**
Approved 20% special salary adjustment for Power Plant Superintendent classification.
9. Tracye V. Smith, appealing his medical disqualification for the position of Code Compliance Officer. Denied.
Applicant may reapply for City employment.
Speaking for staff was Edgar Portilla.
Speaking was Tracye V. Smith.
Speaking for MEA was Nick Wright.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY - IN ORDER

10. Sacoria J. Henderson, Public Information Clerk, Development Services Department, for a one-year special leave without pay ending August 26, 2021, with her name to be placed on the eligible list for Public Information Clerk.
Hire Date: August 11, 2018
Reason: Relocation with spouse.
Department Recommendation: Approval.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY - UNCLASSIFIED

11. Jennifer M. Manos, Associate Department Human Resources Analyst, Human Resources Department, for a leave of absence from the Classified Service effective August 26, 2020, while temporarily filling an unclassified position with her job to be saved. If selected for permanent appointment, this leave will be modified from job saved to name on eligible list.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY - TOTAL

Total Leave Requests	02	Family/Childcare/Maternity	00
Leave requests with job saved	00	Education/Training	00
Leave requests with name on list	01	Medical	00
Unclassified	01	Relocation	01
		Outside Employment	00
		Unclassified	01
		Other	00

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:05 p.m., the Commission convened into open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Lori Thacker, President