

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

Thursday, May 6, 2021, 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 1:07 p.m. Also present were Vice-President Maricela Amezola, Commissioner Dr. Don E. Conley, and Commissioner Aaron Olsen. Commissioner Jacquelyn R. Atkinson was absent.

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



City of San Diego
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 Civil Service Commission 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 participation in the meetings.

In lieu of in-person attendance, members of the public may participate and provide comment via telephone, using the City Clerk webform, email submission, or via U.S. Mail of written materials, as follows:

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Written Materials. If you wish to submit written materials for submission into the record or have an attachment to your comment, you may email it to AArevalo@sandiego.gov or submit via U.S. Mail to 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 300, San Diego, CA 92101. Materials submitted via email will be distributed to the Civil Service Commission in accordance with the deadlines described above. Materials submitted via U.S. Mail will need to be received the business day prior in order to be distributed to the Civil Service Commission.

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ITEMS FOR ACTION

NOTE: The Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. to hear public comment and discussion of the content of the Closed Session Agenda. At the close of public comment and discussion, the Commission will adjourn the public session and go into closed session. The regular business meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION

1. Roll Call.

ACTION TAKEN/PENDING

Present were President Lori Thacker, Vice-President Maricela Amezola, Commissioner Dr. Don E. Conley, and Commissioner Aaron Olsen. Commissioner Jacquelyn R. Atkinson was 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 6 can be approved with one motion.)

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| 2. | Approval of the minutes for the regular business meeting of April 1, 2021. | Approved items 2 through 6 with one motion. |
| 3. | Leaves of Absence Without Pay - In Order. Items 9 through 11. | |
| 4. | Approval of Exceptional Merit Increase for Ronald M. Dinjotian, Administrative Aide I. | |
| 5. | Approval of Exceptional Merit Increase for Radee S. Fardan, Supervising Department Human Resources Analyst. | |
| 6. | Approval of Exceptional Merit Increase for Giovanni Venegas, Senior Water Distribution Operations Supervisor. | |

POLICY ITEMS - DISCUSSION

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| 7. | Staff Recommendation on Overtime Eligibility for New Classifications. | Approved.
Speaking for staff was Grace Navarro. |
| 8. | Appointments to the Joint Apprenticeship Committee: Kristin Geitz, nominated for appointment as Chair; Brian Anderson, nominated for appointment as Alternate Secretary. | Approved.
Speaking for staff was Darren Keenaghan. |

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY - IN ORDER

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| 9. | Brock A. Cooper, Customer Services Representative, Public Utilities Department, for a ten-month special leave without pay ending June 30, 2021, with his job to be saved.
Hire Date: August 26, 2019
Reason: Medical.
Department Recommendation: Approval. |
| 10. | Michael Sardina, Grounds Maintenance Worker II, Parks and Recreation Department, for a three-month special leave without pay ending May 9, 2021, with his job to be saved.
Hire Date: June 11, 1996
Reason: Personal.
Department Recommendation: Approval. |

LEAVES OF ABSENCE WITHOUT PAY - UNCLASSIFIED

- 11. Nicole A. McGinnis, Project Officer II (Option Class: Principal Water Resource Specialist), Public Utilities Department, for a leave of absence from the Classified Service effective March 29, 2021, 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	03	Family/Childcare/Maternity	00
Leave requests with job saved	02	Education/Training	00
Leave requests with name on list	00	Medical	01
Unclassified	01	Relocation	00
		Outside Employment	00
		Unclassified	01
		Other	01

CLOSED SESSION

At 12:06 p.m., the Commission met in Closed Session with the following agenda:

- I. Deliberation on disciplinary appeal, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957:
 - a. Neil Trainor – Termination overturned.
- II. Status of Appeal Hearings
- III. Public Employee Performance Evaluation pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 – Personnel Director

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:07 p.m., the Commission convened into open session. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Lori Thacker, President