

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY HALL, WHEELER ROOMS A AND B
JANUARY 9, 2024**

RECORD OF THE VOTE

Vice Chairperson Hall called the regular meeting of the Civil Service Commission to order at 4:32 p.m. Present were Commissioners Dr. Ralph Ford, Captain Paul Grech, LaShea Hall; Absent: Chairperson Melva Falberg, Commissioner Richard Rodgers

Also present were Personnel Director Eric Amado; Clerk to the Commission Deborah Brelsford; City Atty. John Mitola; Atty. Thomas Bucci; Sgt. Fabio Pereira; Lt. Adam Rozum, Dennis Olmstead; Adam Heller, MZS Law: Courtney George, Heather Spaide

CONSENT AGENDA: MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON

COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA FOLLOWS:

- **MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023**
- **MERIT INCREASES, PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS, VACANCY REPORT AS PRESENTED.**

**COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Matters to be Acted Upon

5. The Commission is asked to classify into the non-competitive division 2 new Library positions previously approved by the Commission at the November 14, 2023 meeting and the City Council on January 2, 2024.

- **Library Maintenance and Facilities Manager**
- **Library Information Technology Services Manager**

COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

**COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED THE MOTION.
THE MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. Appeal - Richard Sobczak

**COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
FOR AN APPEAL FROM RICHARD SOBCHAK REGARDING HIS
DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FOR ENTRY LEVEL**

**POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT
AT 4:35 P.M.
COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission returned to public session at 5:02 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER HALL ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE ON THE
APPEAL FROM RICHARD SOBCHAK REGARDING HIS
DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FOR ENTRY LEVEL
POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT.
COMMISSIONER GRECH VOTED TO GRANT THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER FORD VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
THE APPEAL FROM RICHARD SOBCHAK REGARDING HIS
DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FOR ENTRY LEVEL
POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT
WAS DENIED.**

7. Appeal - Santos Ortega

**COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
FOR AN APPEAL FROM SANTOS ORTEGA REGARDING HIS
DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FOR ENTRY LEVEL
POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT
AT 5:04 P.M.
COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Commission returned to public session at 5:34 p.m.

**COMMISSIONER HALL ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE ON THE
APPEAL FROM SANTOS ORTEGA REGARDING HIS DISQUALIFICATION
FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FOR ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER
EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT.
COMMISSIONER GRECH VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER FORD VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED TO GRANT THE APPEAL.
THE APPEAL FROM SANTOS ORTEGA REGARDING HIS
DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FOR ENTRY LEVEL
POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT
WAS DENIED.**

8. Appeal - Edgar Valencia

**COMMISSIONER FOR MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION
FOR THE APPEAL FROM EDGAR VALENCIA, REGARDING HIS**

**DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FROM THE ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT AT 5:36 P.M.
COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**The Commission returned to public session at 5:51 p.m.
COMMISSIONER HALL ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE ON THE APPEAL**

**COMMISSIONER GRECH VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER FORD VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
THE APPEAL FROM EDGAR VALENCIA, REGARDING DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FROM THE ENTRY LEVEL POLICE OFFICER EXAMINATION #2385 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DENIED.**

Item 9. Appeal Juan Jose Santos (Tabled November 14, 2023 and December 12, 2023)

COMMISSIONER HALL ASKED THE COMMISSIONERS TO VOTE ON THE APPEAL FROM JUAN JOSE SANTOS, REGARDING HIS DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FROM THE ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION #2380 DUE TO HABITS.

**COMMISSIONER GRECH VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER FORD VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
COMMISSIONER HALL VOTED TO DENY THE APPEAL.
THE APPEAL FROM JUAN JOSE SANTOS REGARDING DISQUALIFICATION FROM THE HIRING PROCESS FROM THE ENTRY LEVEL FIREFIGHTER EXAMINATION #2380 DUE TO HABITS AND CONDUCT WAS UNANIMOUSLY DENIED.**

10. Complaint and appeal regarding competitive promotional exam #2384 Fire Lieutenant

**** COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED TO TABLE THE ITEM COMPLAINT AND APPEAL REGARDING COMPETITIVE PROMOTIONAL EXAM #2384 FIRE LIEUTENANT.**

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH SECONDED THE MOTION.
** MOTION TO TABLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER GRECH MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER FORD SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Telesco Secretarial Services