

# MINUTES FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN FIREFIGHTERS', POLICE OFFICERS' AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL'S CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

The Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission convened in a Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 5202 East Ben White Boulevard, Building 500, Austin TX 78741.

### **Board Members in Attendance:**

Commission Chair Jolsna Thomas Commission Vice Chair Farah Ahmed

### **Staff in Attendance:**

Matthew Chustz, Civil Service Manager	Ben Phillips, Assistant City Attorney
Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinator	Richard Davis, Assistant Chief, AFD
Jennifer Stanko, Civil Service Coordinator	Heather Phillips, Interim Assistant Chief,
Monika Arvelo, Assistant City Attorney	ATCEMS

### CALL TO ORDER

Civil Service Commission Chair Thomas called the Commission Meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No members of the public signed up to speak on this item.

# APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes from the Firefighters', Police Officers', and Emergency Medical Services Personnel's Civil Service Commission Special Called Meeting of June 6, 2022.

The minutes from the Special Called Meeting of June 6, 2022, were approved on Vice Chair Ahmed's motion, Commission Chair Thomas' second, and the motion passed 2-0.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

2. Consider and take action on ACTEMS Chief Robert Luckritz' June 15, 2022, request to the Commission to find probable cause for the recommendation of the involuntary demotion of ATCEMS Clinical Specialist-Field Alexandra May to Medic -Field.

Vice Chair Ahmed made a motion that the Commission finds probable cause for the recommendation of the involuntary demotion of ATCEMS Clinical Specialist-Field Alexandra May to Medic-Field. Commission Chair Thomas seconded the motion, and the motion passed 2-0.

**3.** Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Fire Department Candidate's, Raechel Liska, mental or physical examination by the three-member board appointed by the Commission on December 16, 2021.

Raechel Liska addressed the Commission regarding this item.

Bob Nicks, president of the Austin Firefighters Association, addressed the Commission regarding this item.

Discussion was held and no action was taken.

# **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

**4.** Report from the Civil Service Office regarding exam processes, disciplinary hearings and fitness-for-duty actions.

Mecia Griffin, Civil Service Coordinators delivered the briefing to the Commission and no action was taken.

**5.** Future Meetings Schedule.

Matthew Chustz, Municipal & Civil Service Manager addressed the Commission regarding their future meeting schedule.

# **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Thomas added a future item to the October 3, 2022, Commission meeting agenda for discussion and possible action on Civil Service Rule 5.05.C regarding the Appeal for Hiring procedures.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Ahmed seconded the motion. The motion was approved on a 2-0 vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:31 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the September 19, 2022 Special Called meeting on Vice Chair Ahmed's motion, Chair Thomas' second on a 2-0 vote.