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### SPECIAL MEETING

### MINUTES

**DATE:** August 24, 2022 9:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Frank Pocci, President  
Bob Potts, Vice President  
Mel Baher, Secretary  
James Riley, Commissioner  
Christopher Grau, Commissioner  
Jon Reiss, Executive Director  
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director  
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary  
Matthew Convery, Assistant County Prosecutor

**EXCUSED:** None.

**PURPOSE:** TO DISCUSS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM (PERRP) COMPLAINT, PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION, AND A CLIENT CASE AND APPEAL. THE NEED FOR THE DECISION IS URGENT DUE TO POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES TO THE AGENCY.

President Frank Pocci opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A PERRP complaint was received for the VSC main office regarding an unsafe work environment. The complaint was swiftly addressed by moving all staff to the temporary space on Fulton Parkway. Staff will remain at the Fulton location until construction in the VSC space is complete and all risk has been eliminated.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss pending or imminent court action and a client case and appeal.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:42 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:35 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed pending or imminent court action and a client case and appeal. The VSC legal representative was advised on how to proceed.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that was discussed in Executive Session, is attached.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts, Riley. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Frank Pocci, President



Mel Baher, Secretary