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### MINUTES

**DATE/TIME:** July 12, 2023 9:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Bob Potts, President  
Mel Baher, Vice President  
James Riley, Secretary  
Frank Pocci, Commissioner  
Jon Reiss, Executive Director  
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director  
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

**EXCUSED:** None.

**VISITORS:** None.

**PURPOSE:** GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING/LEVEL III APPEALS

The meeting was called to order by Bob Potts, President.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Frank Pocci to go into Executive Session to consider employment/discipline of a public employee, and to discuss preparations for collective bargaining negotiations and client cases and appeals.

Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

**AYES:** Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley. **NAYS:** None. Motion carried. (9:31 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:20 a.m. In Executive Session the Board considered employment/discipline of a public employee and discussed preparations for collective bargaining and client cases and appeals.

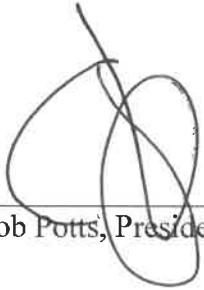
A motion was made by Jim Riley to proceed with the dismissal of probationary employee, Jerry Dickens, effective immediately. Motion seconded by Frank Pocci. Discussion: None.

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

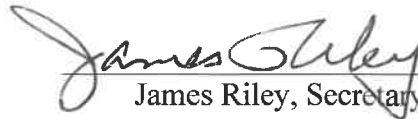
The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that were discussed in Executive Session, are attached. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were instructed on how to proceed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Frank Pocci to adjourn the meeting at 11:22 a.m. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

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



Bob Potts, President



James Riley, Secretary

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