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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: September 11, 2024 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mel Baher, President
James Riley, Vice President
Frank Pocci, Secretary
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Lenon Wright, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: Feronne Williams, Deputy Director

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: TO DISCUSS LEVEL III BOARD APPEALS/REGULAR MEETING

President Mel Baher opened the meeting with a moment of silence on the anniversary of 9/11 and the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the Board would be hearing one (1) client appeal today. Secretary Frank Pocci called roll.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Frank Pocci to go into Executive Session to discuss a client case and appeal and to consider employment of a public employee. Motion seconded by Bob Potts.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley, Wright **NAYS:** None. Motion carried. (9:36 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:51 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed a client case and appeal and employment of a public employee.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci to bring on John Mauro in the Outreach Coordinator position at the appropriate grade and step. Motion seconded by Jim Riley. Discussion: None.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley, Wright **NAYS:** None.


A motion was made by Frank Pocci to adopt the PDC for Mercedes Hester and suspend the decision to allow the Executive Director to present a mutually agreeable resolution to the bargaining unit. Motion seconded by Jim Riley. Discussion: None.

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


The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client case and 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 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Jim Riley.

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



Mel Baher, President



Frank Pocci, Secretary