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DEPUTY DIRECTOR

### MINUTES

**DATE/TIME:** February 12, 2025 9:30 a.m.

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

**EXCUSED:** Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary

**VISITORS:** None.

**PURPOSE:** TO DISCUSS LEVEL III BOARD APPEALS

President Jim Riley opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and stated that the Board would be hearing one (1) client appeal today. Secretary Lenon Wright called roll.

A motion was made by Mel Baher 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. (9:31 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:04 a.m.

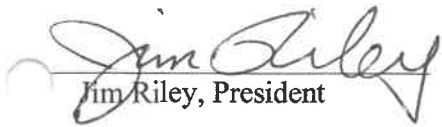
A motion was made by Frank Pocci to bring on Brandon Baker in the Veteran Service Officer position at the appropriate grade and step, with a probationary period of 180 days. Motion seconded by Bob Potts. Discussion: None.

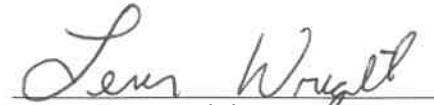
AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Riley, Wright NAYS: None.

The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that was discussed in Executive Session, is 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 11:05 a.m. Motion seconded by Bob Potts. Discussion: None.

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

  
Jim Riley, President

  
Lenon Wright, Secretary

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