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### MINUTES

DATE/TIME: May 28, 2025 9:30 a.m.

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

EXCUSED: None.

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: LEVEL III APPEAL/GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Riley with the Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Lenon Wright called roll.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

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

Commissioner Riley will be meeting staff members at Rittman on Thursday to explain the Honor Guard ceremony.

Mr. Riley mentioned that June 13<sup>th</sup> is the naturalization ceremony. Mr. Riley will present each person with an American flag from the CVCVSC.

The Board would like a letter, on letterhead, sent to the Mayor and the County Executive, inviting them to a board meeting. The letter will be sent once the new headquarters is ready.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Mel Baher to go into Executive Session to discuss client cases and appeals and to consider employment of a public employee. Motion seconded by Frank Pocchi.

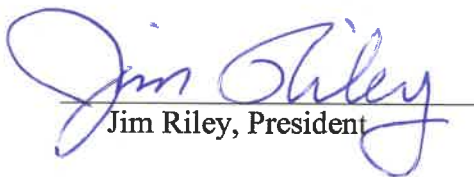
AYES: Baher, Pocchi, Potts, Riley, Wright. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (09:40 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:24 a.m. In Executive Session the Board discussed client cases and appeals and employment of a public employee.

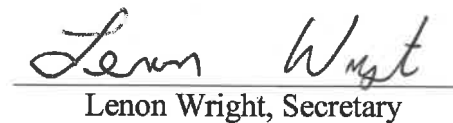
The votes for further assistance, recorded by the Secretary, of the client appeal that was discussed in Executive Session, are attached. The Executive Director and Deputy Director were instructed on how to proceed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Motion seconded by Mel Baher.

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



Jim Riley, President



Lenon Wright, Secretary

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