

# Contra Costa County



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## MERIT BOARD

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***NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Contra Costa County Merit Board  
will hold a teleconference meeting on***

***January 11, 2022 AT 6:00 PM***

To slow the spread of COVID-19, in lieu of a public gathering, the Merit Board meeting will be accessible via Zoom to all members of the public as permitted by Government Code Section 54953(e).

To join the Merit Board meeting by teleconference, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and enter meeting #821 3672 7952 passcode #891344 or click on the following link:

<https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/82136727952?pwd=U0FlaUE4aU56K3dSd3J4RjBXRvJIZz09>

To call in by phone dial (214) 765-0478 and enter conference code #3073276

### ***AGENDA***

#### ***I. Consent Items***

*(Items are subject to removal from the consent calendar at the request of any Board Member, or on request for discussion by a member of the public.)*

A. Approval of the December 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

#### ***II. Public Comment:*** Persons who wish to address the Board during public comment, or with respect to an Item that is on the Agenda will be limited to two (2) minutes.

*The Board Chair may reduce the amount of time allotted per speaker at the beginning of each item or public comment period depending on the number of speakers and the business of the day. Your patience is appreciated.*

A. Items on the agenda.

B. Items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Merit Board.

The Merit Board will provide reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities planning to attend Board meetings who contact the Merit Board staff at least 24 hours before the meeting at (925) 655-2103.

**III. Discussion Items**

- A. CONSIDER authorizing the Merit Board to continue teleconference meetings under Government Code section 54953(e) and make related findings; DETERMINE that the Merit Board will hold virtual meetings for the next 30 days; and DIRECT the Secretary of the Merit Board to return this matter to the Merit Board within 30 days for reconsideration.

**IV. Old Business**

- A. None

**V. New Business**

- A. Consider the appeal of Patrice Newell from early retirement based on workplace discrimination and harassment as a Utilization Review Coordinator in Behavioral Health Administration of the Health Services Department.