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Minutes of Meeting

February 9, 2021 (Amended)

Presiding Chair	Charles Kreling
Staff	Stacey Durocher
Members Present	Eizo Kobayashi, James Mellander, Dennis Reigle, Toni Warren
Merit Board Counsel	Rebecca Hooley, Deputy County Counsel County Counsel's Office
Others Present	Cynthia Schwerin, Deputy County Counsel County Counsel's Office Mary Knox, Appellant Other members of the public were present

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- I. **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.
 - A. There were no public comments.

II. Approval of Consent Items

A. Minutes of January 26, 2021

Chair Kreling asked members of the Merit Board if they had any changes or modifications to the minutes of January 26, 2021. No changes were made, and the January 26, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kobayashi, Mellander, Reigle, Warren, Kreling
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

III. Old Business

A. Consider the request to augment the record of the proceedings (the Hearing Officer's report) with supplemental materials in the appeal of Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney of the District Attorney's Office, based on political retaliation.

Cynthia Schwerin, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel's Office representing the appointing authority, and Mary Knox, Appellant were both present.

After a lengthy discussion, Member Reigle moved and Member Warren seconded to augment the record with full transcripts and exhibits in the appeal of Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney of the District Attorney's Office, based on political retaliation by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kobayashi, Mellander, Reigle, Warren, Kreling
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

- B. Consider adopting Hearing Officer's report and recommendation in the appeal of Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney of the District Attorney's Office, based on political retaliation.

After a brief discussion, Chair Kreling moved and Member Mellander seconded to continue the matter to the March 9, 2021 to consider adopting the hearing officer's report and recommendation in the appeal of Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney of the District Attorney's Office, based on political retaliation by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Kobayashi, Mellander, Reigle, Warren, Kreling
Noes: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

There being no further business to consider, Chair Kreling adjourned the meeting at 7:36 PM.

DATED: March 23, 2021

APPROVED: /s/ Hacey Durocher