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Contra Costa County Merit Board

Minutes of Meeting May 25, 2021

Presiding Chair
Staff

Charles Kreling
Stacey Durocher

Members Present
Merit Board Counsel

Eizo Kobayashi, James Mellander, Dennis Reigle, Toni Warren
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 May 11, 2021

Chair Kreling asked members of the Merit Board if they had any changes or modifications to the minutes of May 11, 2021. There being none, the minutes of May 11, 2021 were approved.

III. Old Business

A. Chair Kreling introduced a draft decision and proposed findings of fact in the appeal of Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney of the District Attorney's office. Chair Kreling acknowledged receipt of a letter from Cynthia Schwerin, Deputy County Counsel, received on May 25, 2021 in opposition of adopting the draft decision and proposed findings of fact.

After a lengthy discussion, Member Reigle moved and Member Warren seconded to adopt the draft decision and proposed findings of fact, as well as minor corrections thereto, in the appeal of Mary Knox, Deputy District Attorney of the District Attorney's Office based on political retaliation.

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

IV. New Business

A. None.

There being no further business to consider, Chair Kreling adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

DATED: June 8, 2021

APPROVED: /s/ Stacy Durocher