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Minutes of Meeting June 22, 2021

Presiding Chair	Charles Kreling
Staff	Stacey Durocher
Members Present	Eizo Kobayashi, James Mellander, Dennis Reigle, Toni Warren
Merit Board Counsel	Stephen Siptroth, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel's Office
Others Present	Kendra Pappas, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel's Office Catherine Beller, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel's Office Roberyre Stepney, Appellant Jamar Broom Hooker, Appellant

Other members of the public were present

Recording of Merit Board Meetings

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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 June 8, 2021

Chair Kreling asked members of the Merit Board if they had any changes or modifications to the minutes of June 8, 2021. With minor corrections requested, the minutes of June 8, 2021 were approved by the following roll call vote:

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

III. Old Business

A. Consider the amended appeal of Roberyre Stepney from rejection on probation as a Medical Social Worker II in the Health Services Department.

After some discussion, Chair Kreling moved and Member Warren seconded to refer the matter of Roberyre Stepney from rejection on probation as a Medical Social Worker II in the Health Services Department to a hearing based on disparate treatment after requesting time off due to a domestic violence incident.

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

IV. Old Business

A. Consider the appeal of Jamar Broom Hooker from rejection on probation as an Eligibility Worker I in the Employment and Human Services Department.

After some discussion, Member Reigle moved and Member Mellander seconded to allow the appellant to amend and resubmit his appeal to demonstrate he was illegally discriminated against under the PMR's Section 905.

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 8:14 PM.

DATED: July 13, 2021

APPROVED: /s/ Stacy Duracher