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## Contra Costa County Merit Board

### Minutes of Meeting September 28, 2021

<b>Presiding Chair</b>	Charles Kreling
<b>Staff</b>	Stacey Durocher
<b>Members Present</b>	Eizo Kobayashi, James Mellander, Toni Warren, Dennis Reigle
<b>Merit Board Counsel</b>	Rebecca Hooley, Assistant County Counsel, County Counsel's Office
<b>Others Present</b>	Kendra Pappas, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel's Office Janice Amenta, Deputy County Counsel, County Counsel's Office Other members of the public were present

#### Recording of Merit Board Meetings

The Merit Board meetings are recorded and the audio recordings will be retained for a period of approximately ten years.

#### I. Approval of Consent Items

##### A. Minutes of August 24, 2021

Chair Kreling asked members of the Merit Board if they had any corrections or modifications to the minutes of August 24, 2021. There being no corrections or modifications, the minutes of August 24, 2021 were approved.

#### 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.

##### A. There were no public comments.

### III. Old Business

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

Appellant was not present at the meeting. After a brief discussion, Chair Kreling moved and Member Warren seconded to dismiss the appeal of Jamar Broom Hooker from rejection on probation as an Eligibility Worker I in the Employment and Human Services Department for failure to appear, and for failure to state sufficient facts of discrimination or disparate treatment in his amended appeal.

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

### IV. New Business

- A. Consider the appeal of Danicia Harrison from rejection on probation as a Clerical Supervisor in the Employment and Human Services Department.

After some discussion, Member Reigle moved and Member Warren seconded to allow the appellant to resubmit an amended appeal providing more detail on discriminatory behavior and/or actions she experienced on or before October 12, 2021.

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

- B. Discuss meeting procedures under the Brown Act.

Assistant Deputy County Counsel, Rebecca Hooley introduced new legislative changes to certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act relating to teleconferencing, which provide greater flexibility in conducting public meetings due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Under the new legislation, the Merit Board will have to adopt certain findings every 30 days to take advantage of the more flexible standards under the Brown Act, and could continue to do so until 2024, provided there is still a State of Emergency declared by the Governor.

There being no further business to consider, Chair Kreling adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM.

**DATED:** October 26, 2021

**APPROVED:** /s/ Stacey Deurocher