

Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board

Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2022

I. Roll Call

Board President Daniel Dennehy called to order the regular meeting of the Personnel Review Board at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2022. The meeting was held telephonically.

The following Board Members were present: Ms. Phoebe Williams, Ms. Yovira Moroney, Mr. David Kern and Mr. Daniel Dennehy. Mr. Greg Renz was excused.

II. Approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Meeting

Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Moroney seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 22, 2022 meeting.

III. Communications and/or comments from the public, if any.

None.

IV. Correspondence

None.

V. First Appearance

A. SUSPENSION

BRENDT VAN WAGONER, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF

Case #1-4734 dated 02/18/2022 for PS #21-305 for 12 Days

The Board heard the report of Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that the employee's counsel submitted a request to the Board via written correspondence to continue the matter of Brendt Van Wagoner for hearing certain on April 19, 2022.

Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted (4-0) to continue the matter of Brendt Van Wagoner for April 19, 2022.

VI. Update

A. SUSPENSION

DAVID WILLOUGHBY, DEPUTY SHERIFF, SHERIFF

Case #1-4712 dated 08/20/2021 for IA #21-202 for 5 Days

The Board heard the report from Attorney Kathryn West, Assistant Corporation Counsel, that David Willoughby had submitted a signed waiver of hearing on the Notice of Suspension per the settlement that was reached by the parties.

The Board acknowledged the waiver on the Notice of Suspension for David Willoughby and closed this case.

VII. Hearing

A. DISCHARGE

TIFFANNIE WELLS, CORRECTIONAL OFFICER, HOC

Case #2-4733 dated 02/14/2022 for HOC IA #21-218

At 1:28 p.m., Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session to deliberate the Tiffanie Wells matter. At 2:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board, by unanimous vote (4-0) found the evidence was sufficient to sustain violations of Civil Service Rule VII, Section 4(1), paragraphs (k), (l), (t) and (u); specifically, House of Correction Policies 1407, 1409, 1410 and 1412, and upheld the Charges for Discharge.

VIII. Review and Finalize the Findings of Fact for Luke Chang and Jesus Rivera

At 1:28 p.m., Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session to review and finalize the Findings of Fact for Luke Chang and Jesus Rivera. At 2:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

IX. Performance Evaluations

At 1:28 p.m., Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session to discuss performance evaluations. At 2:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

X. Review and Discussion of Open Appeal

At 1:28 p.m., Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted 4-0 to go into closed session to review and discuss the open appeal. At 2:05 p.m., the Board reconvened in open session.

- a. James Lucky, Jr. vs. Milwaukee County Personnel Review Board

XI. Adjourn

Ms. Moroney left the meeting 2:05 p.m., at the conclusion of closed session. Mr. Kern moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board, by vote (3-0), adjourned the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Alisha Terry, Administrative Assistant