



Meeting Minutes - Final

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Merit Board

MERIT BOARD

James Mellander, Chair
Eizo Kobayashi
Charles Kreling
Dennis Reigle
Toni Warren

Walter G. Treanor
Chairman Emeritus
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Tuesday, October 22, 2024

6:00 PM

1025 Escobar St., Martinez, Conference
Rm # 110*/<https://www.zoom.us/Join>
Meeting ID # 818 1625 0812 Password
228621/To call in: (214) 765-0478
Conference Code #3073276

1. Roll Call and Introductions

Present Eizo Kobayashi, Charles Kreling, James Mellander, and Dennis Reigle
Absent Toni Warren

2. Consent Items

A. Approve the August 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

[24-3568](#)

After some discussion, Member Kreling moved and Member Reigle seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

Attachments: [Merit Board Minutes 8.27.24 Final](#)
Motion: Kreling
Second: Reigle
Aye: Kreling, Mellander, and Reigle
Absent: Warren
Abstain: Kobayashi
Result: Passed

B. Receive Clerk of the Board of Supervisors memorandum regarding “Public Meeting Requirements of Legislative Bodies,” dated February 21, 2023.

[24-3569](#)

This item was removed as a Consent Item to allow the Board members to discuss the memorandum, including remote teleconference options. After some discussion Member Kreling moved and Member Reigle seconded, to receive the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors memorandum regarding “Public Meeting Requirements of Legislative Bodies,” dated February 21, 2023.

Motion: Kreling
Second: Reigle
Aye: Kobayashi, Kreling, Mellander, and Reigle
Absent: Warren
Result: Passed

3. Public Comment

Persons who wish to address the Board during public comment may address matters within the Merit Board's jurisdiction but that are not listed as items on the agenda.

[24-3570](#)

There was no public comment.

4. New Business

A. Consider the complaint of Willie B. Coleman alleging retaliation for engaging in protected activities in the Health Services Department.

[24-3571](#)

After some discussion Member Reigle moved and Member Kreling seconded, to refer the complaint of Willie B. Coleman alleging favoritism and retaliation for engaging in protected activities in the Health Services Department to an Administrative Law Judge.

Motion: Reigle
Second: Kreling
Aye: Kobayashi, Kreling, Mellander, and Reigle
Absent: Warren
Result: Passed

5. Discussion Item

A. Consider Annual Election of Merit Board Chair.

[24-3572](#)

After some discussion, Member Reigle moved and Member Kreling seconded, to appoint James Mellander as Merit Board Chair for 2025.

Motion: Reigle

Second: Kreling

Aye: Kobayashi, Kreling, Mellander, and Reigle

Absent: Warren

Result: Passed

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