

civil service commission

BOARD OF REVIEW AND APPEALS



Commissioners

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Vincent R. Stewart

**MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING**

Thursday, January 23, 2020

9:00 a.m.

**County of Ventura Government Center
Hall of Administration
LOWER PLAZA ASSEMBLY ROOM**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Vandenberg called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioners present: Chair Vandenberg, Vice-Chair Parham, Commissioners Becker, Lazar and Stewart. Staff present: Cheryl Shaw, Commission Assistant, Joseph Randazzo and Grant Burton, Law Advisors, and Mike Curnow (IR).
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL** – The minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of November 21, 2019 were approved on motion by Vice-Chair Parham, seconded by Commissioner Stewart.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.
- VII. **REQUEST FOR DISCIPLINARY HEARING** – None.
- VIII. **REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION** – None.
- IX. **NEW BUSINESS** – None.

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X. INFORMATIONAL – Ms. Shaw announced that assistant County Counsel Robert Orellana, who served as the Commission’s law advisor for 14 years, would be retiring from County service. Mr. Orellana addressed the Commission and the Commissioners all expressed thanks to Mr. Orellana for his outstanding work and long-term service to the Commission.

XI. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS

A. Discussion regarding Commissioner per diem compensation rates.

Opening comments were made by Chair Vandenberg. Further input received from Commissioners and staff with one public comment from Mr. Orellana. At the conclusion of the discussion Chair Vandenberg directed staff to update the prior compensation rate survey completed in 2015 and instructed to re-agendize matter for further discussion on February 27, 2020.

B. Presentation of report to the Board of Supervisors of the Commission’s activities for second fiscal quarter.

Comments were made by Chair Vandenberg and one public comment received from Mr. Orellana. Upon motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Lazar, the Commission voted unanimously to direct Chair Vandenberg to sign the report letter and for staff to forward it to the Board of Supervisors for review during its next public meeting.

XII. CLOSED SESSION - Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Gov. Code § 54956.9, subd. (d)(1) – Name of Case: *County of Ventura v. Ventura County Civil Service Commission*; Ventura County Superior Court Case No. 56-2019-00532471-CU-WM-VTA).

The Commission went into Closed Session at 9:27 a.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 9:46 a.m. with no announcements.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

***Please note:** The minutes are a summary of the Commission’s business meeting. A copy of the complete audio tape of the meeting can be obtained from the Commission’s office at (805) 662-6787 or by email to: civil.servicecomm@ventura.org