

civil service commission

BOARD OF REVIEW AND APPEALS



Commissioners

James Vandenberg - Chair
Patricia S. Parham - Vice Chair
Donald Becker
Alyse M. Lazar
Vincent R. Stewart

MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, June 25, 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 9:00 a.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioners present: Chair Vandenberg, Vice-Chair Parham, Commissioners Becker, Lazar and Stewart. Staff present: Cheryl Shaw, Commission Assistant; and Joseph Randazzo, Law Advisor. (Note: Vice-Chair Parham and Commissioners Lazar and Becker appeared via Zoom.)
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL** – The minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of May 28, 2020, were approved on motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Stewart.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- VI. **OLD BUSINESS** – Continued discussion regarding draft letter to County Executive Officer (CEO) requesting that the CEO support the Commission’s request for the Board of Supervisors to enact a resolution increasing compensation to \$200 per diem for Commissioners participating on appeal hearing panels.

On motion by Chair Vandenberg, seconded by Commissioner Lazar, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the letter with the modifications suggested by Commissioner Lazar and Vice-Chair Parham, and directed the Chair to sign the letter to be sent to Mr. Powers after July 1, 2020.

VII. REQUEST FOR DISCIPLINARY HEARING – None.

VIII. REQUEST FOR INVESTIGATION – None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and approval of (1) renewal of contract law advisor contracts for Grant Burton and Natalie Panossian-Bassler, and (2) contract renewal rates of \$242 per hour to match rate charged by the Office of County Counsel.

On motion by Commissioner Becker, seconded by Vice-Chair Parham, The Commission unanimously voted to approve renewal of the contracts with contract law advisors Grant Burton and Natalie Panossian-Bassler and to approve an hourly compensation rate of \$242 per hour.

X. INFORMATIONAL – None.

XI. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS – Chair Vandenberg made brief comments regarding relating to peace officer appeal hearings. Ms. Shaw reminded the Commissioners that the annual election of officers would be agendized for the July business meeting along with a review of the Commission’s Conflict of Interest Code.

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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