



Commissioners

Vincent Stewart – Chair
Mic Farris – Vice Chair
James Vandenberg
Donald Becker
Patricia S. Parham

**MINUTES
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Thursday, November 17, 2022
9:00 a.m.
LOWER PLAZA ASSEMBLY ROOM
Hall of Administration**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL** - Commissioners Present: Chair Stewart, Vice-Chair Farris, Commissioners Vandenberg (via zoom), Becker (via zoom) and Parham (via zoom); Staff Present: Cheryl Shaw, Commission Assistant, Joseph Randazzo, Law Advisor and Natalie Panossian-Bassler, Conflict Law Advisor (via zoom).
- III. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- IV. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL** – The minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of July 28, 2022, were approved on motion by Commissioner Vandenberg, seconded by Commissioner Parham.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- VI. **NEW BUSINESS** - Recommendation to Adopt a Resolution Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of the Civil Service Commission Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, Subdivision (e), of the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Upon motion by Commissioner Parham, seconded by Commissioner Vandenberg, the Commission unanimously voted to adopt the resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Civil Service Commission.
- VII. **REQUEST FOR HEARING** – None.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS** – None.

IX. INFORMATIONAL - Staff presentation on changes to the Brown Act regarding remote attendance.

Mr. Randazzo and Ms. Shaw addressed the Commission and answered questions relating to the changes to the Ralph M. Brown Act due to passage of Assembly Bill 2449. The Commission directed staff to draft language to amend the Commission's By-Laws relating to virtual meeting attendance and to agendize a further discussion for the Commission's January 26, 2023 business meeting.

X. COMMISSION/STAFF COMMENTS – Commissioner Becker made a motion to move Item X to after Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Parham and carried 4-1, with Commissioner Vandenberg voting no. After Closed Session, item X was considered. There were no Commission or Staff comments.

XI. 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. 56-2021-00558311-CU-WM-VTA).

Following a brief recess the Commission went into Closed Session at 9:55 a.m. and reconvened in Open Session at 10:43 a.m. with no announcements. [Note: Vice-Chair Farris left the meeting at 10:35 a.m.]

XII. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

APPROVED: _____
Vincent Stewart, Chair