
MINUTES
STATE PERSONNEL BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.
200 Piedmont Avenue
Boardroom 512 (West Tower)
James Floyd Veterans Memorial Building, Atlanta, GA

On Tuesday, February 9, 2016, a quorum was established and the meeting of the State Personnel Board (SPB) was called to order by Chairperson Jewelle Johnson.

Board members present:
Jewelle Johnson, Chair
James Rogers, Vice Chair
Robert Joseph, Member
Taylor Hanson Haley, Member

Board members absent:
Paul Babaz, Member,

Additional attendees: Commissioner Sid Johnson, Board Executive Secretary; Rebecca Sullivan, DOAS General Counsel; Candy Sarvis, Deputy Commissioner, DOAS; Bryan Webb, Assistant Attorney General, Georgia Law Department; and parties to the appeal case.

Approval of Minutes by Executive Secretary:

There being no corrections or changes requested by the members present, a motion was made by Mr. Sid Johnson to approve the December 15, 2015 State Personnel Board Minutes as presented. The motion was moved by Ms. Haley, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Board Vote on 2016 Meeting Calendar of the State Personnel Board

Board Chair, Jewelle Johnson entertained a motion for the State Personnel Board meetings to be held bi-monthly on the 2nd Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. The motion was moved by Mr. Joseph, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Employee Appeal Hearing:

Dougherty County Health Department (Appellant) v. Vamella Lovett (Appellee)
Appellant / Represented by Mary M. Katz, Esq.
Appellee / Represented by Stephanie D. Banks, Esq.

Next, Ms. Johnson recited the hearing procedural guidelines and she opened the floor for the parties to conduct oral arguments.

Discussion/Deliberation

Upon conclusion of the appeal arguments, Ms. Johnson made a motion to close the meeting and enter into Executive Session in accordance with the Open Meeting Act (O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq.) to conduct deliberation on the employee appeal matter presented today. The motion was moved by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Haley and the carried unanimously.

Reconvene Meeting and Voting on the Employee Appeal

Ms. Johnson reconvened the public meeting and called a motion on the following appeal:

Dougherty County Health Department (Appellant) v. Vamella Lovett (Appellee)

Mr. Joseph read the following motion:

"The findings of fact, the conclusions of law, the reasons for the Initial Decision, and the Initial Decision have been reviewed, and these findings of fact and conclusions of law are hereby adopted as the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Board. In accordance with the above, it is the Board's Decision, effective this date, that the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is affirmed."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rogers, and unanimously adopted.

Other Business / Adjournment:

Ms. Candy Sarvis introduced to the Board Ms. Sheri Foster, Director, DOAS Enterprise HR Services.

With no further business, Ms. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the State Personnel Board meeting. The motion was moved by Ms. Haley, seconded by Mr. Joseph and carried unanimously.

READ AND APPROVED ON 10th of May, 2016 by:



Jewelle Johnson, Chair



James Rogers, Vice Chair



Robert R. Joseph, Member



Taylor Hanson Haley, Member