

MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2024, REGULAR MEETING OF THE YOUNGSVILLE POLICE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 2024, 12 NOON AT YOUNGSVILLE CITY HALL, 201 IBERIA ST., YOUNGSVILLE, LA

AGENDA ITEM 1: Roll Call

PRESENT: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard.

ABSENT: NONE

ALSO, PRESENT: Laurie Segura (Board Secretary), Board Attorney Daniel Landry, Chief Louviere, Allyson Melancon, Brian Baumgardner, Attorney for Hannah Gentry, John Davison, Gabriel Thompson

AGENDA ITEM 2: Approve minutes of the June 26, 2024, meeting.

A motion was offered by Mr. Held and seconded by Mr. Girard to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting.

YEAS: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard

NAYS: none

ABSENT:

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Public hearing to determine if prohibited political activity charges are true and correct from investigation that was ordered by the Board, June 26, 2024. Executive Session may be necessary. Notice given June 15, 2024.

Chairman Benjamin Langlinais opened the floor for public comment. There being none, Mr. Langlinais asked for a motion to go into executive session to discuss Agenda Item 3 and Agenda Items 4a, 4b, and 4c. Mr. Held offered a motion to go into executive session and Mr. Girard seconded the motion.

YEAS: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard

NAYS: none

ABSENT:

Motion was approved.

**At this time, the Board went into Executive Session. After the executive session, Mr. Langlinais requested a motion to go back into regular session. A motion was offered by Mr. Held and seconded by Mr. Girard to go back into regular session. Vote was unanimously approved.

Regarding Agenda Item 3, Mr. Girard explained the nature of the investigation, that it was complete and the employees were exonerated of the alleged political prohibited activity charge.

Regarding Agenda Item 4: Board members to discuss petitions for investigation by the Professional Association of Law Enforcement Officers.

Agenda Item 4a: This was withdrawn by Attorney Allyson Melancon who represents the Professional Association of Law Enforcement Officers.

Agenda Item 4b: This item was tabled. Attorney Allyson Melancon and Board Attorney Daniel Landry conferred about this item and Ms. Melancon stated she would get with her client, Professional Association of Law Enforcement of Law Enforcement Officers to see if they are able to get this settled.

Agenda Item 4c: This item was tabled. Attorney Allyson Melancon and Board Attorney Daniel Landry conferred about this item and Ms. Melancon stated she would get with her client, Professional Association of Law Enforcement of Law Enforcement Officers to see if they are able to get this settled.

Chairman Langlinais opened the floor for public comment. There being none, a motion was offered by Mr. Held and seconded by Mr. Girard to exonerate the officers under investigation for prohibited political activity, to close the investigation, and to withdraw the complaint in Agenda Item 4a, and to table Agenda Items 4b and 4c.

YEAS: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard

NAYS: none

ABSENT:

Motion was approved.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Board members to discuss petitions for investigation by the Professional Association of Law Enforcement Officers.

- a. July 10, 2024 complaint – Prohibited Political Activity
- b. July 27, 2024 complaint – Petition for Investigation
- c. July 27, 2024 – Follow up on previous complaints filed in 2023.

** See Agenda Item 3 narrative for details.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Call for a public hearing to amend Rule VII of the Youngsville Civil Service Board Rules. The proposed amendment would change the amount of time the Board has to complete investigations applicable with LA R.S. 33:2477 which is 60 days.

Mr. Langlinais explained when the board approved the Board rules, the rules should have said 60 days for an investigation instead of 75 days.

A motion was made by Mr. Held and seconded by Mr. Girard to call for a public hearing.

YEAS: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard

NAYS : none

ABSENT :

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 6. Approve appeal request from Lloyd Henry.

A motion was made by Mr. Held and seconded by Mr. Girard to approve the appeal request as the request was filed in a timely manner.

YEAS: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard

NAYS : none

ABSENT :

Motion was approved.

Agenda Item 7. Adjourn

A motion was offered by Mr. Held and seconded by Mr. Girard to adjourn.

YEAS: Benjamin Langlinais, Jacob Held, Tracy Girard

NAYS : none

ABSENT :

Motion was approved.

Benjamin Langlinais

Chairman

/s/ Laurie Segura

Laurie Segura, Secretary

Board Approval Date:

10/31/2024

