



**MERIT SYSTEM COMMISSION
LAW ENFORCEMENT MERIT SYSTEM COUNCIL**

MINUTES
Open Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2019

Members Present:
John Fink, Chair
David P. Freund
Mike Hellon

Also Present Were:

Barry Corey	Counsel for the Commission/Council
Donna Tobias	Recording Secretary, Human Resources
Aurora Hernandez	Human Resources
Daniel Jurkowitz	Deputy County Attorney for the Respondent
Jennifer Blum	Deputy County Attorney for the Respondent
Lenora Anderson	Paralegal, Pima County Attorney's Office
Sgt. Mary Scott	Pima County Sheriff's Department
Michael Storie	Counsel for the Appellant
CO Daniel Conrad	Appellant
Captain Russell Ponzio	Pima County Sheriff's Department
Lt. Joseph Cameron	Pima County Sheriff's Department
Bureau Chief Karl Woolridge	Pima County Sheriff's Department
Ricardo Garcia	Observer

The Open Meeting of the Pima County Merit System Commission was called to order by John Fink, Chair, at 10:31 a.m. All persons in attendance were asked to state their names for the record.

Item F. Appeal Hearing

Discussion and Action:

Daniel Conrad v Pima County Sheriff's Department
Suspension

Mr. Fink asked all parties if they had any preliminary matters they wished to discuss.

Mr. Storie stated he had asked for Captain Darin Stephens to return today but he was told that Captain Stephens was in Phoenix. Discussion ensued.

Appellant's Fourth Witness: Captain Russell Ponzio, Pima County Sheriff's Department, was sworn in by Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission, provided testimony in this hearing.

ACTION: Mr. Freund made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal

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consultation with Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission. Mr. Hellon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: The Commission recessed for Executive Session at 11:22 a.m. and re-convened at 11: 49 a.m.

Appellant's Fourth Witness: Captain Russell Ponzio, continued his testimony.

Mr. Storie presented the Commission with copies of Supreme Court case Maricopa County Sheriff's Office v Maricopa County Employee, Merit System Commission (No. CV-04-0046-PR) and discussion ensued.

The witness was excused; Mr. Corey reminded the witness that the rule had been invoked.

ACTION: The Commission recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and re-convened at 1:08 p.m.

Appellants Fifth Witness: Lt. Joseph Cameron, Pima County Sheriff's Department was sworn in by Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission and provided testimony in this hearing.

The witness was excused; Mr. Corey reminded the witness that the rule had been invoked.

ACTION: The Commission recessed at 2:06 p.m. and re-convened at 2:14 p.m.

Appellants Sixth Witness: CO Daniel Conrad, Pima County Sheriff's Department, previously sworn in by Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission, provided testimony in this hearing.

The witness was excused; Mr. Corey reminded the witness that the rule had been invoked.

Jennifer Blum requested that Sgt. Mary Scott be recalled.

Respondent's First Witness: Sgt. Mary Scott continued to provide testimony in this hearing.

The witness was excused; Mr. Corey reminded the witness that the rule had been invoked.

Respondent's Seventh Witness: Pima County Sheriff's Department Bureau Chief Karl Woolridge was sworn in by Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission and provided testimony in this hearing.

The witness was excused; Mr. Corey reminded the witness that the rule had been invoked.

Discussion ensued regarding the return date for the continuance.

ACTION: Mr. Fink made a motion to adjourn the Open Meeting. Mr. Hellon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: John Fink, Chair, recessed the hearing at 4:25 p.m. and noted for the record that the hearing would re-convene at 9:00 a.m. on June 11, 2019.

The digital recording of the official proceedings and the minutes were prepared by the Recording Secretary.

Minutes approved on July 22, 2019.