



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

---

MINUTES  
Open Meeting  
Tuesday, June 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	Recording Secretary, Human Resources
Daniel Jurkowitz	Deputy County Attorney for the Respondent
Lenora Anderson	Paralegal, Pima County Attorney's Office
Lt. Robert Zuniga	Department Representative, Pima County Sheriff's
Captain Joshua Arnold	Pima County Sheriff's Department
Javier Alatorre	Representative/Counsel for the Appellant
Rosalie Romero	Appellant

The Open Meeting of the Pima County Merit System Commission was called to order by John Fink, Chair, at 9:00 a.m. All persons in attendance were asked to state their names for the record.

**Item F. Appeal Hearing**

Discussion and Action:

Rosalie Romero v Pima County Sheriff's Department  
Disciplinary Demotion

Respondent's Witnesses #4 Captain Joshua Arnold, Pima County Sheriff's Department; was sworn in by Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission and provided testimony in this hearing.

Mr. Jurkowitz, Deputy County Attorney moves to admit Respondent's Exhibit # 7 discussion ensued.

Respondent's Exhibit # 7: Pre Action Meeting Memo dated March 4, 2019, Bates No. 571 was admitted without objection.

Captain Arnold was excused and reminded of the Rule by Barry Corey, Attorney for the Commission.

**ACTION:** Mr. Freund made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of legal consultation with Barry Corey, Counsel to the Commission. Mr. Hellon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The Commission recessed for Executive Session at 9:43 a.m. and re-convened at 9:59 a.m.

Respondent's Witness # 5 Lt. Robert Zuniga, Pima County Sheriff's Department, previously sworn in by Barry Corey, Attorney for the Commission provided testimony in this hearing.

Mr. Jurkowitz moved to admit Respondent's Exhibit #9 discussion ensued.

Respondent's Exhibit #9 Memorandum from Lt. Zuniga to Chief Woolridge dated January 3, 2019 Bates No. 183 was admitted with notations.

The Commission recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

Respondent's fifth Witness: Lt. Robert Zuniga continued testimony.

Lt. Zuniga dismissed and reminded of the Rule by Barry Corey, Attorney for the Commission.

Mr. Alatorre stated his client is having medical issues and requests a recess until Thursday, June 27, 2019.

Mr. Freund made a motion to recess the Open Meeting. Mr. Hellon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The Commission recessed at 12:38 p.m. to reconvene Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Minutes approved on July 22, 2019.