Minutes of Special Meeting of the Alexandria Civil Service Commission July 26, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Michael Brewer at 3:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. In attendance were Commissioners: Ms. Terri Blaisdell, Mr. Michael Brewer, Mr. Donald Collins, and Mr. Charles Harvey. A quorum was present. Staff members present were: Ms. Leisa Lawson, Director of Civil Service; Ms. Mildred Price, Assistant Director of Civil Service; Ms. Toria Banks, Examination Analyst, and Ms. Kimberly Rachal, Examination Analyst. Also present was Mr. Stacy Auzenne, Conflict Counsel for the Commission.

Ms. Brewer read a statement regarding rights of the public to comment on matters on the agenda prior to action being taken on them, as required by the Louisiana Revised Statutes.

Ms. Connie Baker arrived at 3:03 p.m.

Ms. Baker addressed agenda item, **Appeal of Thaddius Morris, Civil Service Docket No. 2023-01**. Present were Matthew Nowlin, counsel for Thaddius Morris, and Joshua Dara, counsel for the Appointing Authority. Kelly Horsley was present as court reporter. Witnesses were sworn and placed under the rule of sequestration. The Commission heard the appeal.

Mr. Collins moved to Recess for Executive Session to Consider the Appeal of Thaddius Morris, Civil Service Docket No. 2023-01, and Ms. Harvey seconded. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously. The Commission and Mr. Auzenne recessed to executive session.

Mr. Brewer moved to recess to executive session; Ms. Brewer seconded. On roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Brewer moved to reverse the disciplinary action and reinstate Mr. Morris with back pay. Ms. Blaisdell seconded. On roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 6:57 p.m. following a motion by Mr. Collins and second by Mr.

Harvey.

Ms. Leisa Lawson

Director of Civil Service

Ms. Connie Baker

Chairman