



**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING**  
Scheduled for 01/21/2021 at 12:00pm

Commission members met in the conference room at Station 1 and was hosted virtually.

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**

Commission Chair Chuck Covert called the Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue Civil Service Commission Meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Fire Chief Robert Palmer, Division Chief David Jensen, Office Manager Stephanie Ziegler, Commissioner John Hutchison, Commissioner John Willer Commissioner Chair Chuck Covert and Legal Counsel Tom Peachey were all in attendance at Station 1.

Division Chief Jay Wood, Division Chief Fred Coleman and Firefighter Jesse Metheny attended via video conference. Nick Ryan attended in listen only mode as the only Public listening in.

**3. MINUTES:**

No minutes to review.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comments.

**5. CHIEF EXAMINERS REPORT:**

No report given.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Information Sheet – Investigation regarding a promotional candidate's complaint alleging a violation of abuse of Section 1(A), 1(B), 2(A), 3(A) and 5 of Rule 7 of the Civil Service Rules.

Legal Counsel Peachey advised the Commission that he would read through each of the items that FF Jesse Metheny based on his complaint letter to the Civil Service, citing alleged violation or abuse of the Rules. Legal Counsel Peachey stated that after each alleged violation he would give FF Metheny the opportunity to add clarification or to explain in more detail. He also stated that he would ask the Commission if they had any questions for FF Metheny regarding the alleged violation as noted.

Legal Counsel Peachey read through each alleged violation; FF Metheny stated that he would prefer to wait until the end to make a final statement. None of the Commissioners had any questions for FF Metheny regarding any of the alleged violations.

After Legal Counsel Peachey had read through all the alleged violations, FF Metheny gave a brief statement of background information, he felt the Commissioners may not have knowledge of. He requested that the Commissioners look at the complete requirements for the promotion. Legal Counsel Peachey asked the Commissioners if they had any more questions for FF Metheny; they did not.

Legal Counsel Peachey asked the Chief Examiner if he had any questions for FF Metheny or wanted to speak on behalf of Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue. The Chief Examiner only stated that he felt the promotion process was handled correctly.

**8. COMMISSION REMARKS:**

Commission Chair Covert stated no one had any additional remarks regarding this issue and that the Commission would confer with its legal counsel and the open meeting was adjourned.

**9. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Civil Service meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Minutes recorded and submitted by Stephanie Ziegler

  
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Chairman

2-2-2021  
Date

  
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Attest