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## AGENDA

### Meeting of the Albany Municipal Civil Service Commission held on Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 4:30pm in the Mayor's Conference Room

**ATTENDEES:** Michael Cassidy, Commissioner, Chair  
Akosua Yeboah, Commissioner, Co-Chair  
Felton McLaughlin, Commissioner  
Tatiana Diaz, Commission Secretary, Director of HR – City of Albany  
Linda Keller, Sr. Assistant Corporation Counsel - City of Albany  
Charlize Brown, Human Resources Generalist II – City of Albany

- I. Approval of December 29, 2025 meeting minutes
- II. The Civil Service Office reported on the following examinations which were issued and posted:

Exam #	Title	Exam Type	Application Deadline	Exam Date
60054-460	Police Officer	Open Competitive	04/09/2026	05/09/2026

### III. Report of appointments to the Competitive, Non-Competitive, Exempt and Labor Class

- The Civil Service Office reported on the following **Permanent Appointments in the Competitive Class:**

Name	Title	Agency/Department	Date
John Demaria	Maintenance Superintendent	Albany Housing Authority	10/24/2025
Jason Mrytle	Maintenance Superintendent	Albany Housing Authority	10/24/2025
William Schwarz	Maintenance Superintendent	Albany Housing Authority	10/24/2025

- The Civil Service Office reported on the following **Provisional Appointments in the Competitive Class:**

Name	Title	Agency/Department	Date
Nesta Littlejohn	Chief of Staff to the Mayor	Mayor's Office	01/01/2026

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John Reilly	Counsel and Director of Policy	Mayor's Office	01/01/2026
Christine Mathewson	Crisis Caseworker	Police	01/05/2026
Shaquana Sheldon	Crisis Caseworker	Police	01/05/2026
Rondell Thomas	Crisis Caseworker	Police	01/05/2026
Kendell Demby	Deputy Commissioner of Administrative Services	Administrative Services	01/05/2026
Valerie Scott	Director of Buildings & Regulatory Compliance	Neighborhood & Community Services	01/01/2026
Zipporah Hommel	Director of Communications	Mayor's Office	01/01/2026
Robert Gertler	Director of Digital and Community Communications	Mayor's Office	01/01/2026
Kelsey Russell	Director of Health & Wellness	Police	01/12/2025
Elizabeth Mariapen	Director of Intergovernmental Affairs	Mayor's Office	01/01/2026
David Wolfe	Network Infrastructure Manager	Information Technology	01/01/2026
Philip Ditonno III	Public Works Foreperson	General Services	01/05/2026
Adam Holligan	Recreation Field Manager	Recreation	02/09/2026
Otis Barrow	Sanitation Equipment Operator	General Services	02/09/2026
Martha Mahoney	Senior Assistant Corporation Counsel	Corporation Counsel	02/02/2026
Brooke Latart	Senior Crisis Caseworker	Police	01/01/2026
Rachelle Sturgis	Telecommunications Specialist	Police	01/05/2026
Keith Barnette	Water Plant Instrument Technician	Water & Water Supply	01/26/2026

- The Civil Service Office reported on the following **Non-Competitive HELPS Program Appointments:**

Name	Title	Agency/Department	Date
Nasseem Coleman	Accountant II	Treasurer	01/01/2026
Alice Ottah	Business Systems Analyst	Treasurer	01/01/2026
Ariful Islam	Chief Accountant	Water	01/01/2026
Michael Wheeler	Chief Accountant	Treasurer	01/12/2026
Aindrea Richard	Claims Management Clerks	Administrative Services	01/01/2026
Adam Prue	Forester	General Services	01/05/2026
Cheyenne Fraser	Human Resources Generalist III	Police	01/12/2026
Raymond Patterson	Maintenance Superintendent	Albany Housing Authority	10/24/2025
Alay Medina	Program Aide	Recreation	01/01/2026

Erin Johanns	Program Coordinator	Community Services	01/01/2026
Karen Wilkes	Program Coordinator	Water & Water Supply	01/01/2026
John Ovalle	Water Treatment Plant Assistant Operator	Water & Water Supply	01/26/2026

- The Civil Service Office reported on the **Non-Competitive Class** appointments:

Name	Title	Agency/Department	Date
Tayonna Speight	Community Aide	Recreation	01/12/2026
Tehya Harris	Community Aide	Recreation	01/12/2026
Nathaniel Pendleton	Director of AHA Security Operations	Albany Housing Authority	12/15/2025
Lance Kramer	Equipment Operator I	Water & Water Supply	01/26/2026
Jeffrey Kelley	Labor Supervisor	General Services	01/05/2026
Robert Chapman	Sanitation Worker	General Services	01/02/2026
John VanHoesen	Sanitation Worker	General Services	01/02/2026
Semico Eaddy	School Crossing Officer	Police	01/05/2026
Blair Paczkowski	Reservoir Patrol Guard	Water	01/26/2026

- The Civil Service Office reported on the following **Labor Class** appointments:

Name	Title	Agency/Department	Date
Demarcus McKen	Maintenance Laborer	Albany Housing Authority	01/06/2026
Jeron Melton	Maintenance Laborer	Albany Housing Authority	12/17/2025
Joyce Love	Recreation Aide	Recreation	01/26/2026

- The Civil Service Office reported on the following **Exempt Class** appointments:

Name	Title	Agency/Department	Date
Christopher Ellis	Deputy Mayor	Mayor's Office	02/09/2026

#### IV. New Business

- Annual Report 2025
- Information Memoranda Section 80 and Collective Bargaining Agreements
- Police Hiring timeline
  - Special Meetings in March and April

#### V. Adjournment

**Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026**