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MEETING MINUTES

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

ATTENDEES: Michael Cassidy, Commissioner, Chair
Akosua Yeboah, Commissioner, Co-Chair - Late arrival
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

Commissioner Cassidy made a motion to call the meeting to order at 4:44 p.m.

I. Approval of December 29, 2025 meeting minutes

Commissioner Cassidy made a motion to approve the December 29th meeting minutes. Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed and carried.

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 Myrtle	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
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	01/12/2026
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 Clerk	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

Commissioner Cassidy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion. Motion passed and carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.

Next regular meeting: Wednesday, February 25th, 2026

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