

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 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
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 Ditunno 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
Cheyeene 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 Pendelton	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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