

Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

REGULAR HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

REMOTE HEARING VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Sean Sanada called the proceeding to order at 9:03 a.m. with a quorum of three (3) members present.

Board Members Present: Sean Sanada, Chairperson; Valerie Pacheco, Member, and Nora Nomura, Member

Staff: Shannon Lau, Deputy Corporation Counsel and Kristen Takushi, Secretary.

Guest: **Appellant for MAB Case No. 447 and Appellant's Attorney Peter Trask**

Elbridge Smith, Deputy Attorney General for Department of Public Safety; Hiroyuki Takei, Deputy Attorney General for Department of Public Safety; Max Otani, Former Department of Public Safety Director; Jesus Benitez, Training and Staff Development Adult Corrections Officer; Joseph M. Rangel, Deputy Sheriff; Dzuong Lee, Training and Staff Development Adult Corrections Officer

- I. Dispensing with the required Secretary's Evacuation Instructions due to the remote hearing.
- II. **9:04 a.m. Approval of the July 26, 2023 Minutes**
Member Valerie Pacheco moved to approve the minutes as written. Member Nora Nomura seconded the motion. Chair Sean Sanada is in favor. The Minutes are approved and now part of the record.
- III. **Hearing for MAB Case 447.**
Hearing called to order 9:04 a.m. No minutes taken,

Recessed at 10:14 a.m.; back on the record at 10:20 a.m.

Recessed at 12:05 p.m.; back on the record at 12:13 p.m.

Parties excused and into executive session at 12:59 p.m.

Hearing adjourned at 1:20 p.m.
- IV. **Adjournment**