

# Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

**REGULAR HEARING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**  
**REMOTE HEARING VIA ZOOM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Sean Sanada called the proceeding to order at 9:02 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. 456 and Appellant's Attorney Ted Hong**  
James Halvorson, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of Attorney General; and Joan Gallagher, HGEA

I. Dispensing with the required Secretary's Evacuation Instructions due to the remote hearing.

II. **9:04 a.m. Approval of the January 17, 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 are now part of the record.

III. **Executive Session- MAB Case 456.**

Parties were excused and into executive session at 9:04 a.m.

Hearing called to order 9:05 a.m. No minutes taken,

Recessed at 9:15 a.m.; back on the record 9:21 a.m.

Recessed at 9:30 a.m.; back on the record 9:35 a.m.

Recessed at 10:22 a.m.; back on the record 10:23 a.m.

Recessed at 11:00 a.m.; back on the record 11:08 a.m.

Recessed at 11:54 a.m.; back on the record 12:01 p.m.

Hearing adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

IV. **12:25 p.m. Adjournment**