

Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

REGULAR HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

REMOTE HEARING VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Sean Sanada called the proceeding to order at 9:00 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, Elena Murayama, Secretary; 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; Joan Gallagher, HGEA; Francis Frank Young; Patrick Nakashima; and Cesar J. Guzman.

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

II. **Approval of the February 21, 2024, 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 9:01 a.m.

Hearing called to order 9:01 a.m. No minutes taken,

Recessed at 9:50 a.m.; back on the record 9:59 a.m.

Hearing adjourned and back to open Session at 10:18 a.m.

Back in Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.; Back in Open Session at 10:50 a.m.
The next MAB hearing will be May 15, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. MAB Case 424. Discussion of MAB Case 400, and discussing the proposal of how to expedite the current waiting list for MAB.

10:51 a.m. Ratification of actions Member Nora Nomura moved to approve. Member Valerie Pacheco seconded the motion. Chair Sean Sanada is in favor.

IV. **10:57 a.m. Adjournment**