

Merit Appeals Board Hearing Minutes

REGULAR HEARING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

REMOTE HEARING VIA ZOOM

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Sean Sanada called the proceeding to order at 9:14 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 Jenny-Rose Amita, Secretary.

Guest: Appellant for MAB Case No. 424

James Halvorson, Deputy Attorney General for the Department of the Attorney General; Renee Sonobe Hong, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Representative and Witness; Trisha Gibo, Deputy Attorney General of the Employment Law Division, and Jeannette Gasmen, Human Resource Specialist for Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

All parties were present at 9:00 a.m. with the exception of the Appellant. Appellant joined the hearing at 9:13 a.m.

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

II. **Approval of the June 20, 2024 Minutes**

Member Nora Nomura moved to approve the minutes as written. Member Valerie Pacheco seconded the motion. Chair Sean Sanada is in favor. The minutes are approved and are now part of the record.

III. **Hearing for MAB Case 424**

Hearing called to order 9:22 a.m. No minutes taken.

Recessed at 9:47 a.m.; back on the record 10:01am

Parties excused and into executive session at 10:53 a.m.; back from executive session 12:01 p.m.

Hearing adjourned 12:03 p.m.

IV. **Other Business (Executive Session)**

a. Notification of new appeals – No minutes taken

V. **12:05 p.m. Adjournment**