

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
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PERSONNEL APPEAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018, 2:00 P.M.

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A meeting of the Personnel Appeal Board convened on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 2:15 p.m. at the Department of Administration, One Capitol Hill 3rd Floor, PAB Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island in accordance with the public notice of its agenda posted on June 25, 2018.

Open Session:

Vice Chair Susan T. Perkins, Esq. called the meeting to order and undertook a roll call for attendance. Members of the Board in attendance for the hearing were as follows:

- Cara Cromwell – Chair
- Susan T. Perkins, Esq. – Vice Chair
- William R. Facente – Member
- Kenneth F. McGunagle, Jr., Esq. – Member

Others in attendance were:

- Steven M. Merolla, Esq. – PAB Attorney
- Donna M. Conway – PAB Administrative Assistant
- George Rinaldi, Esq. – DOA Legal
- Brian R. Terry – RI Training School
- Sasha T. Killingham – Appellant
- Nicole Barnard, Esq. – RI Council 94
- Stephen Shears – Local 314 President

Ms. Perkins noted that a quorum of members was present to conduct business.

Rules and Regulations:

There was a discussion between Board members regarding the proposed Personnel Appeal Board Rules and Regulations. On motion made by Mr. Facente and seconded by Mr. McGunagle, the Board voted unanimously to defer the approval of the Rules and Regulations until a subsequent meeting. Ms. Cromwell exited the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

- **May 14, 2018:** On motion made by Mr. Facente and seconded by Mr. McGunagle, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

New Business

Sasha T. Killingham v. DCYF (PAB 18-007)

The Personnel Appeal Board heard opening statements from the Appellant's attorney, Nicole Barnard, Esq. as well as the State attorney, George Rinaldi, Esq. After opening statements, Sasha T. Killingham (appellant) testified and was cross-examined. The Board took a short recess at 3:22 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. Next, Stephen Shears (witness for appellant) testified and was cross-examined.

Due to timing, the parties and the Board discussed continuing this matter to another date to hear testimony from the State's witnesses. The parties decided on July 23, 2018 to continue.

Adjournment:

On motion made by Mr. Facente and seconded by Mr. McGunagle, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Personnel Appeal Board meeting at 4:18 p.m.

Donna Conway, in her capacity as Administrative Assistant