The meeting was convened at approximately 10:00 AM with Chairman John S. Kendall presiding.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 17, 2021 were approved.

The minutes of the executive session of February 17, 2021 were approved.

There was no public comment.
Findings and Decisions

Erich Werner  Passed to the end of the call.
Thomas Conway  Passed to the end of the call.

The preliminary call of hearings revealed:

Rhonda Thomas  Set for hearing at 10:15 a.m.
Farhan Qureshi  Continued to June 16, 2021 for status.
Jeffrey Mitchell  Continued to April 21, 2021 for status.
Kenneth Akins Jr.  Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, responded to Response in Opposition to the District’s Motion for Discharge. Ms. Spearman, counsel for Mr. Akins responded to the District’s oral argument. Counsel for both parties responded and argued their cases. The Board asked questions. The Board denied the motion to dismiss discharge case. This matter was passed to the end of the call for scheduling.
Robert Quezada  Passed to the end of the call.
Darius Flores Feliciano  Mr. Feliciano was not in attendance. The Board agreed to move forward with the prove-up.
Chentile Jackson  Continued to April 21, 2021 for status.
Robert Biel  Continued to April 21, 2021 for status.
Sergio Senese  Continued to April 21, 2021 for status.

The Attendance and Performance Review for Michael Zidonis, Jr. reported that Mr. Zidonis was in compliance.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there had been eleven (11) requests for leaves of absence, which the Board ratified.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were three (3) expired eligible lists.

Mr. Kosowski reported that since the last meeting of the Board, there were no terminations of probation.

Kenneth Akins, Jr.  Continued to April 21, 2021 for status and set for hearing on May 19, 2021 at 10:15 a.m.
Erich Werner
The Board granted the District's request for discharge with prejudice.

Thomas Conway
The Board granted the District's Motion to Dismiss with prejudice.

Robert Quezada
Recalled for scheduling. Passed for Mr. Quezada to contact his attorney to determine availability.

The Board and counsel discussed the which they would hear first, the prove-up or the hearing.

Rhonda Thomas
The Board, Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, and Ms. Thomas discussed administrative matters regarding the appeal hearing.

The Board recessed the meeting at approximately 11:00 AM
The Board commenced prove-up at approximately 11:00 AM

Darius Flores Feliciano
Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, called and questioned Mr. Miguel Villejo as a witness. Mr. Cook presented Exhibit Nos. 1-5. Mr. Cook counsel for the District, called and questioned Mr. Ted Kosowski as a witness. Mr. Cook presented Exhibit No. 5. Exhibit No. 1-5 were admitted into evidence. The District rested its case. The Board found in favor of the District and granted the District's request for Discharge.

The Board recessed prove-up at approximately 11:18 AM
The Board commenced the hearing at approximately 11:29 AM

Rhonda Thomas
The Board, counsel for the District and Ms. Thomas discussed administrative matters.

Ms. Thomas presented her opening statements. Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, presented his opening statements.

Ms. Thomas was sworn in.

Ms. Thomas called and questioned Ms. Kaye Heidenreich as a witness. Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, cross examined Ms. Heidenreich. Mr. Cook presented District Exhibit A and Group Exhibit B. Ms. Thomas examined Ms. Heidenreich on re-direct. Mr. Cook cross examined Ms. Heidenreich. The Board questioned Ms. Heidenreich.

The Board recessed the hearing at approximately 12:50 PM
The Board resumed the hearing at approximately 1:00 PM
Rhonda Thomas

The Board asked counsel and Ms. Thomas if the remainder of the hearing could proceed with Chairman Kendall and Ms. Harris only. Counsel for the District and Ms. Thomas agreed.

Ms. Thomas called and questioned Mr. Paul Collins as a witness. The Board questioned Mr. Collins.

Ms. Thomas called and questioned Mr. Robert Quezada as a witness. The Board questioned Mr. Quezada.

Ms. Thomas called and questioned Mr. Gregory Nielson as a witness. Mr. Cook cross examined Mr. Nielson.

The Board recessed the hearing at approximately 1:40 PM

The Board resumed the hearing at approximately 1:44 PM

Rhonda Thomas

Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, called and questioned Ms. Rhonda Thomas as a witness. Mr. Cook presented District Exhibits A-D.

Mr. Cook, counsel for the District, called and questioned Mr. Kevin Lee as a rebuttal witness. Ms. Thomas cross examined Mr. Lee.

The Board allowed written closing arguments with a 10 page limit.

District Exhibits A-D were admitted into evidence. The Board took judicial notice of District Exhibits E and F.

The Board recessed the hearing at approximately 2:28 PM

The Board resumed the meeting at approximately 2:28 PM

The Board adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:28 PM

John S. Kendall
Chairman

Mazie A. Harris
Vice Chairman

Donald J. Storino
Secretary

Dated: March 17, 2021