



MINUTES
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2011
6:00 P.M.

The Civil Service Commission of the City of Forest Hill met on the above date at 6:00 p.m. with Commissioner Tony Santiago presiding. The following Commissioners and officials were present: Commissioners Gene Pirtle and Pamela Stockton; and Civil Service Director Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite.

Opening Agenda:

- A. Call to Order
- B. Quorum Check

With a quorum present, Commissioner Santiago called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

- C. **Consent Agenda:** All consent agenda items are considered to be routine by the Civil Service Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Civil Service Commission member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

New Business:

E. Deliberation Agenda:

1. Discuss and consider action regarding the Commission affirming results of Fire Driver/Engineer November 10, 2011 promotional examination because of questions 86 – 100 taken from incorrect study book.

The Civil Service Director explained that because of the error with using the incorrect study book for questions we cannot legally consider the questions. However, we can use the exam and base it on 85 questions instead of 100 (throwing out questions 86 – 100), and this would not have a negative effect on test scores. In fact, basing the test on 85 questions slightly raised all individual scores.

Commissioner Pirtle advised that he would stand to keep the exam and base it on the 85 questions. He asked the three (3) Fire Fighters how they feel about it: Michael McColgin and William Blackwelder felt that the exam should be thrown out and they should retest with a new test. Chris Ellis agreed with using the 85 questions. After listening to each Fire Fighter, Commissioner Pirtle again verbalized his stand to keep the test and base it on the 85 questions. Chair member Santiago and Commissioner Stockton both agreed.

Chief Henderson explained that he just wants fairness and what the Commission decides will be the final word on this issue.

Commissioner Pirtle motioned to approve affirming use of the November 10, 2011 Fire Driver/Engineer promotional exam based on the 85 questions. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago and Stockton, this passes as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Santiago, Pirtle, and Stockton

Nays: None

G. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss the Civil Service Commission adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Jaynice Porter-Brathwaite
~~Acting~~ Civil Service Director