

# Contra Costa County



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## MERIT BOARD

Charles Kreling, Chair  
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Toni Warren  
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### ***Contra Costa County Merit Board***

#### ***Minutes of Meeting***

***May 26, 2020***

***Presiding  
Staff***

*Charles Kreling  
Stacey Durocher*

***Members Present***

*James Mellander, Eizo Kobayashi, Toni Warren, Dennis Reigle*

***Merit Board Counsel***

*Stephen Siptroth, Deputy County Counsel  
County Counsel's Office*

***Others Present***

*Members of the public were present*

#### ***Recording of Merit Board Meetings***

*The Merit Board meetings are recorded and the audio recordings will be retained for a period of approximately ten years.*

- I. Public Comment:*** Persons who wish to address the Board during public comment, or with respect to an Item that is on the Agenda will be limited to two (2) minutes.
  - A.*** There were no public comments.
  - B.*** *Board Meeting Member Reports:*

**II. Approval of Consent Items**

**A. Minutes of February 11, 2020 and February 25, 2020**

*Chair Kreling asked members of the Merit Board if they had any changes or modifications to the minutes of February 11, 2020 and February 25, 2020. There being none, Member Mellander moved, and Member Kobayashi seconded, and the Merit Board approved the February 11, 2020 and February 25, 2020 minutes as presented by the following roll call vote:*

*Ayes: Mellander, Kobayashi, Reigle, Kreling.  
Absent: Warren*

**B. Consider the request to dismiss the appeal of Margaret Eychner, Associate Appraiser, Assessor's Office from a 3-day suspension - Matter settled.**

*(Member Warren arrived before this item was called.)*

*Chair Kreling acknowledged the request to dismiss the appeal of Margaret Eychner, Associate Appraiser, Assessor's Office from a 3-day suspension as the parties have settled the matter.*

*Chair Kreling called on each Member for comments, hearing none, Member Warren moved, and Member Reigle seconded to dismiss the matter.*

*Ayes: Kobayashi, Warren, Reigle, Mellander, Kreling*

**C. Discussion regarding future Merit Board Meeting procedures and practices during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.**

After a lengthy discussion, the general consensus of the Board was to meet in accordance with the Brown Act, and the Governor's Executive Order. The Board members generally agreed the Board should continue holding teleconference meetings during the emergency. If a matter arises where the Board feels a teleconference meeting has been inadequate or ineffective, at that time the Board will consider a continuance to allow an in-person meeting.

*There being no further business to consider, Chair Kreling adjourned the meeting at 6:48 PM.*

**DATED:** 6/9/2020

**APPROVED:** /s/ Stacy Durocker