

# PUBLIC SAFETY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

### **MEETING AGENDA**

The agenda is subject to change to address immediate Commission concerns.

DATE: Friday, April 18, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: In person @ SMT Room 1679 and Remote Attendance via Teams

**Directions to SMT 1679-**Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104. At the 4th floor main building entry security desk, request elevator access to 16th floor and follow the signs to 1679.

### **Teams Meeting Public Login:**

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# Public Safety Civil Service Commission

# Monthly Meeting Agenda

# April 18, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Seattle Municipal Tower Room 1679 and Teams

1.	CALL TO ORDER LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Commission Chair (PSCSC 2.04)
2.	COMMISSIONER AND STAFF INTRODUCTIONS	
3.	PUBLIC COMMENT (GENERAL)	
4.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	March 19, 2025, PSCSC Monthly Meeting (Pages 3-4)
5.	<b>PUBLIC RECORDS ACT TRAINING</b> (30 mins)	Aaron Valla, Assistant City Attorney (Handout)
6.	UPDATES/DISCUSSION	<ul> <li>A. FIRE AND POLICE EXAM UNIT UPDATES <ol> <li>Police Exams (Rachael Schade, Police Exams Administrator)</li> <li>Fire Exams (Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Fire Exams Administrator)</li> <li>Fire and Police Staffing (Hiring/Attrition Numbers)</li> </ol> </li> <li>B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUDGET &amp; DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES <ol> <li>April 2025 Rulemaking</li> <li>Budget Update (Page 5)</li> <li>Department Update</li> </ol> </li> <li>C. CASE STATUS REPORT/APPEAL UPDATES (Pages 6-7) <ol> <li>Hill v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-004A (Pages 8-12)</li> <li>Englund v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-006A</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
7.	PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULEMAKING DISCUSSION POTENTIAL VOTE	<ul> <li>D. PSCSC PROPOSED RULEMAKING (Pages 13-27)         <ul> <li>Rule 2.13 Review and Reconsideration of Actions or Decisions of the Director</li> <li>Rule 8.07 Admission to Examination Pending Appeal</li> <li>Rule 9.09 Promotional Development Committee</li> <li>Rule 9.15 Military Personnel and Promotional Exams</li> <li>Rule 9.20 Preference for Multilingual Candidates</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ppsd Changes Tracked (Pages 22-24) Ppsd Changes Accepted (Pages 25-27)</li> <li>Executive Director Briefing on Proposals</li> <li>10 Public Comment on Proposals</li> </ul>
		<ol> <li>Public Comment on Proposals</li> <li>Discussion and Possible Vote</li> </ol>

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		E. August 21, 2025, Retreat/Hearing Prep Training
8.	EXECUTIVE SESSION	May be cancelled if not needed
9.	OLD/NEW BUSINESS	
10.	ADJOURNMENT	Next Meeting Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025-Monthly Meeting
		(Possible Police Captain and/or Police Lieutenant Oral Board Protest Review)



# Public Safety Civil Service Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes March 19, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Seattle Municipal Tower Room 1679 and Teams

1.	CALL TO ORDER	Со	mmissioner Greene called the meeting to order at 10:04
	Commission Chair (PSCSC 2.04)	am	l.
	LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
2.	ATTENDEE INTRODUCTIONS	Со	mmissioner Greene gave attendees an opportunity to
		int	roduce themselves. The following people were present:
		PS	CSC Commissioners: Tom Applegate and Queniya Mays.
		Со	mmission Staff: Andrea Scheele, Executive Director; Sarah
		Bu	tler, Operations & Policy Advisor; Mike Nelson, Public
		Saf	ety Exams Manager; Staff of the Public Safety Exams
		Un	it; and Teresa Jacobs, Executive Assistant. Joe Levan and
		An	ne Vold, Assistant City Attorneys/Commission Counsel.
		Sea	attle Fire HR: Sarah Lee, Director and Dori Towler,
		Pei	rsonnel Manager. Seattle Police HR: Allen McKenzie,
		Lat	por and Employment Advisor. Members of the public
		we	re also present.
3.	PUBLIC COMMENT	The	ere was no written or in person public comment.
4.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Fel	oruary 19, 2025, PSCSC Monthly Meeting:
			mmissioner Greene moved to accept the minutes as
		wr	itten. Commissioner Mayes seconded the motion. The
		-	nutes were approved by acclamation.
5.	UPDATES/DISCUSSION	Α.	FIRE AND POLICE EXAM UNIT UPDATES
			1. Police Exams (Rachael Schade, Police Exams
			Administrator)
			2. Fire Exams (Yoshiko Grace Matsui, Fire Exams
			Administrator)
			3. Fire and Police Staffing (Hiring/Attrition Numbers)
		В.	EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BUDGET & DEPARTMENTAL
		<u> </u>	UPDATES
			4. April 2025 Rulemaking Preview and Timeline (Sarah
			Butler, Operations and Policy Advisor)
			5. Budget Update

		6. Department Update
		7. Financial Interest Statements
		D. CASE STATUS REPORT/APPEAL UPDATES
		8. Hill v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-004A
		9. Englund v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-006A
		10. Willis v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-007A
		11. Dave v. SPD-PSCSC No. 25-01-001A
		12. Allen v. SPD-PSCSC No. 25-01-004A
		13. Schenkelberg v. SPD-PSCSC No. 25-05-002RPro
6.	ACTION ITEMS	There were no action items.
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7.	EXECUTIVE SESSION	The commission did not go into Executive Session.
8.	OLD/NEW BUSINESS	There was no old/new business.
9.	ADJOURNMENT	Commission Chair Greene adjourned the meeting at 10:39
5.		am.
		an.

Minutes submitted **April 18, 2025,** by: Teresa Jacobs

Minutes Approved Amended April 18, 2025, by: PSCSC

Signed by PSCSC Commission Chair, Richard Greene

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Previous recordings may be requested via the public records portal at <u>https://www.seattle.gov/public-records</u>

#### Department Expenditures by Account and Month (April 2025)

Revenues are reported as negative values

Year 2025 City Department II VC000 - Civil Service Commissions Dept BSL - Budget Prograll Fund ID And Name All

		Values																
Account								05 -	06 -	07 -	08 -	09 -	10 -	11 -	12 -			
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### PUBLIC SAFETY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CASE STATUS REPORT April 2025

			OPE	N APPEAL/EXA DECIS				
Туре	CASE NUMBER	APPELLANT	RESPONDENT DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	ISSUE	Register/Exam/ Position	Issue/Requested Outcome/Status	PRESIDING
A	24-01-004A	Hill	SPD	5-21-2024	Discharge		1 <sup>st</sup> Prehearing was held October 24, 2024. Hearing scheduled for September 22-26, 2025.	PSCSC
A	24-01-006A	Englund	SPD	9-23-2024	Suspension		1 <sup>st</sup> Prehearing was held February 10. Hearing TBD.	PSCSC

A=Appeal (PSCSC 6) E=Exam Protest (PSCSC 9.22) C=Complaint RRM=Request to Review or Modify (PSCSC 2.13.b) RPro=Register-Promotional

			CLOSED APP	EAL/EXAM P	ROTEST/REQUES	T FOR DECISION		
Туре	CASE NUMBER	APPELLANT/ REQUESTOR	RESPONDENT DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	ISSUE	Register/Exam/ Position	Issue/Requested Outcome/Status	PRESIDED
A	25-01-004A	Allen	SPD	2-11-2025	Suspension		Appellant requested to withdraw the appeal on 3-5-2025.	
A	25-01-001A	Dave	SPD	1-10-2025	Discharge		Appellant requested to withdraw the appeal on 3-11-2025.	

R	25-05-	Schenkelberg	Fire	1-31-2025	Eligible Register	Fire Captain	Dismissed for lack of	Executive Director
	002RPro				Expired		timeliness. Dismissal	
							Order issued 2-21-2025	
А	24-01-007A	Willis	SPD	10-1-2024	Suspension		Appellant requested to	Executive Director
							withdraw the appeal,	
							because the parties	
							reached a settlement. A	
							dismissal order was	
							issued 1-4-2025.	

		REQUESTS FOR REINSTATEMENT TO ELIGIBLE REGISTER RFR=Request for Reinstatement (PSCSC 10.03)					
CASE NUMBER	DEPT	DATE REQUESTED	POSITION/RANK	DECISION			
25-05-002RFR	Police	1-30-2025	Officer	Requester Withdrew			
25-05-004RFR	Police	3-7-2025	Officer	Approved			
25-05-008RFR	Police	3-11-2025	Officer	Approved			
25-05-010RFR	Police	3-27-2025	Officer	Approved			

	REQUESTS FOR PROB RPE= Request for Probational		
DEPT	DATE REQUESTED	POSITION/RANK	APPROVED/DENIED
Fire	1-10-2025	Battalion Chief	Approved
Fire	1-10-2025	Lieutenant	Approved
Fire	1-10-2025	Firefighter	Approved
Fire	2-3-2025	Firefighter	Approved
Police	2-18-2025	Officer	Approved
Police	2-24-2025	Officer	Approved

	ITY OF SEATTLE SERVICE COMMISSION
BURTON HILL Appellant v. SEATTLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, Respondent	PSCSC no. 24-01-004A ORDER SETTING HEARING CASE SCHEDULE HEARING DATE: September 22, 2025

An appeal has been filed before the the Public Safety Civil Service Commission (PSCSC), and will be managed by the Case Schedule below, as ordered by the Executive Director of the

Seattle Public Safety Civil Service Commission.

1.	Discovery	Discovery is underway at the time this order is issued, and the
2.	Preliminary Exhibit List	parties have exchanged preliminary witness and exhibit lists.
3.	Preliminary Witness	
	List	
4.	Final Witness List	Final Witness and Exhibit Lists and copies of exhibits, to be
5.	Final Exhibit Lists	exchanged by the parties and delivered to the Civil Service
6.	Exhibit Copies	Commission by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025. One pdf
		copy should be delivered by email to PublicSafety@seattle.gov
		and four printed copies collated into in binders shall be delivered
		only to the Civil Service Department office. Contact Teresa Jacobs
		at <u>Teresa.jacobs@seattle.gov</u> to arrange a time and method for
		delivery of hard copies.
7.	Prehearing Motions (if	Prehearing Motions, if any, shall be delivered by email to the
	any)	Commission and exchanged by the parties by <b>4:00 p.m. on</b>
		August 29.
8.	Prehearing Brief	Each party shall email a prehearing brief, no longer than seven
		pages, to the other party and to the Commission by <b>4:00 p.m. on</b>
		August 29.

# CASE MANAGEMENT AND SCHEDULING ORDER

Hill v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-004A Amended-Order Setting Hearing Case Schedule

19. Subpoenas for attendance at the hearingParties may submit Requests for Subpoenas by email to the Commission by email on Friday, August 29, 2025, at 4:00 p The request must include the name of each witness for who subpoena is needed, and the date and time of their anticipat testimony. Parties are responsible for serving a subpoena or witness and coordinating their own witnesses' attendance in person. See PSCSC Rule 6.01 for information about subpoena and required proof of service.610. Responses to Prehearing MotionsResponses to any prehearing motions shall be delivered by to the Commission and exchanged by the parties by Septen	p.m.	
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7 Prehearing Motions to the Commission and exchanged by the parties by Septen	email	
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8, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. If oral argument is requested by Execu	utive	
9 Director, it will be held at a prehearing conference on <b>Septe</b>	mber	
15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.		
10 <b>11. Objections to Final</b> Objections shall be made in writing and delivered by email to		
Witness and/or     opposing party and Commission by September 8, 2025, at 4       11     Tubilities Lists	4:00	
Exhibits Lists p.m.		
12 <b>12. Prehearing conference</b> A prehearing on process and procedures before the hearing		
13     on Process and     is scheduled for September 15, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. Parties		
<b>Procedures</b> their representatives are expected to attend in person at the	l.	
14 commission hearing room. They are instructed to bring all		
15 equipment they expect to utilize during the hearing.		
<b>13. Requests for Remote</b> Requests for remote participation shall be in writing to the	Requests for remote participation shall be in writing to the	
	Executive Director by no later than <b>September 8, 2025, at 4:00</b>	
17 p.m.		
14. Prehearing Motion Oral		
Director Request Only)       19       19       15       15		
15. Hearing         September 22, 2025, at 9:30 am to 4:30 pm           20         September 23, 2025, at 9:30 am to 4:30 pm		
21 September 24, 2025, at 9:30 am to 4:30 pm		
September 25, 2025, at 9:30 am to 4:30 pm           22         September 26, 2025, at 9:30 am to 4:30 pm		
September 28, 2025, at 9.50 and to 4.50 pm	f Tho	
23 <b>16. Post-Hearing Briefs</b> Closing argument will be submitted by the parties by brief Commission will determine page limit and deadline for submit		
24 <b>17. Decision</b> See PSCSC Rule 6.14 for information about the commis		
25 decision on appeal proceedings.	510115	

### NOTICE OF CASE MANAGEMENT AND CONDUCT OF HEARINGS

a. Hearing Location: The public hearing in this matter will be conducted in person in the Civil Service Department hearing room at Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Ste. 1679, Seattle Washington. The hearing room will be open to the public during the proceeding. Parties and witnesses must check into the security desk on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor for access to the elevators.

- b. Notice of the Public Safety Civil Service Rules of Practice and Procedure: All parties and their representatives should familiarize themselves with the <u>PSCSC Rules of Practice</u> <u>and Procedure (Rules)</u>.
- c. Recordings & Transcripts: The proceedings will be recorded, and a court reporter will be present and prepare a transcript of the proceedings. Parties may utilize their own exhibit technician, but one is not provided by the commission. Parties can utilize video conferencing on their own laptop to present exhibits or videos. Parties should consult with commission staff at least three weeks prior to the hearing date about any special technology or presentation requests and will be required to do a technology check.
- d. **Remote Witness Participation:** A party may appear by telephone or video conference at a hearing when authorized by the Rules or approved by the PSCSC, Executive Director, or Hearing Officer to do so in advance of the hearing. In-person participation is preferred, and parties should make all reasonable efforts to have witnesses appear in person.
  - Requests for a witness to testify via teleconference or telephone must be submitted to the Executive Director as early as possible, but no later than two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing. Approval is contingent upon the successful completion of a system test before the hearing to confirm compatibility with PSCSC equipment.

Hill v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-004A Amended-Order Setting Hearing Case Schedule ii. After a witness is approved to participate via telephone or video conference, the party must provide the scheduled date and time of their testimony, and confirmation that the witness has downloaded and has been instructed in the use of Microsoft Teams. No later than one week before their scheduled appearance, the party shall notify Ms. Jacobs of the email address the witness will use on the day of their testimony, and a telephone number at which they can be reached. Ms. Jacobs will send a Microsoft Teams invitation for the witness to utilize at the time of their testimony. Each party is responsible for managing their witness on the day of their testimony, verifying that the Microsoft Teams application was installed, and they have completed a tech check to test their audio and video.

e. Sequestration of Witnesses: Parties are instructed that witnesses, other than the parties themselves, shall be sequestered during the hearing. Sequestered witnesses may not observe the proceedings, discuss testimony with other witnesses, or access any portion of the record prior to providing their testimony. It is the responsibility of each party to ensure their witnesses comply with this order. Violation of sequestration may result in the exclusion of witness testimony or other appropriate sanctions.

f. **Closing Arguments:** The method and dates for closing arguments shall be determined by the Commission after the presentation of evidence.

g. **Questions about hearing process:** The parties are requested to direct any questions regarding the hearing process to Commission staff person Teresa.jacobs@seattle.gov.

To avoid ex parte contact, parties are directed to cc each other on all correspondence with the

22 **commission**.

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23 Dated this 2nd day of April, 2025

FOR THE CITY OF SEATTLE PUBLIC SAFETY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Andrea Scheele

Andrea Scheele, Executive Director

Hill v. SPD-PSCSC No. 24-01-004A Amended-Order Setting Hearing Case Schedule City of Seattle Public Safety Civil Service Commission PO Box 94729, Seattle, WA 98124-4729 (206) 233-7118

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, Teresa R. Jacobs, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington,

that on the date below, I caused to be served upon the below-listed parties, via the method of

service listed below, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document: **Amended Order** 

## Setting Hearing Case Schedule.

6	Party	Method of Service
7	Appellant: Burton Hill c/o	⊠E-Mail
8	Mark Davis, Attorney <u>Mark@lawdda.com</u>	
9	Bevin Flynn, Legal Assistant	
10	Bevin@lawdda.com	
11	Respondent: Seattle Police Department c/o	⊠E-Mail
12	Kathyrn Childers, Assistant City Attorney	
13	Catherine.Seelig@seattle.gov	
14	Kim Fabel, Legal Assistant, LAW Kim.Fabel@seattle.gov	
15	Brian Strobel, Paralegal, LAW	
16	Brian.Strobel@seattle.gov	
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DATED: Dated this 2nd day of April 2025, at Seattle, Washington.

Teresa R. Jacobs

Teresa R. Jacobs, Executive Assistant Civil Service Department **PSCSC PROPOSED RULEMAKING** 

# Chapter 4.08 - PUBLIC SAFETY CIVIL SERVICE<sup>[5]</sup>

https://library.municode.com/wa/seattle/codes/municipal\_code?nodeId=TIT4PE\_CH4.08PUSACISE

# 4.08.070 - Powers and duties of Commission.

The Commission shall:

A. Make suitable rules to carry out the purposes of this chapter and for examination, appointments, promotions, transfers, demotions, reinstatements, suspensions, layoffs, discharges, and any other matters connected with the purposes of this chapter. Such rules may be amended, modified or rescinded from time to time and all rules and amendments thereof shall be printed for free public distribution.

### STATE OF WASHINGTON -- KING COUNTY

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#### 437660

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SEATTLE CIVIL SERVICE DEPT

### **Affidavit of Publication**

The undersigned, on oath states that he is an authorized representative of The Daily Journal of Commerce, a daily newspaper, which newspaper is a legal newspaper of general circulation and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continuously as a daily newspaper in Seattle, King County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of this newspaper. The Daily Journal of Commerce was on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1941, approved as a legal newspaper by the Superior Court of King County.

The notice in the exact form annexed, was published in regular issues of The Daily Journal of Commerce, which was regularly distributed to its subscribers during the below stated period. The annexed notice, a

CT:PROPOSED RULE MAKING

was published on

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The amount of the fee charged for the foregoing publication is the sum of \$211.90,

1	NOTARY PUBLIC	
	STATE OF WASHINGTON	
1	JENNIFER A. BARNES	
1	MY COMMISSION EXPIRES	
1	OCTOBER 24, 2027	
L	COMMISSION NO. 96738	

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 04/04/2025 Notary public for the State of Wa ington residing in Seattle

Affidavit of Publication

# State of Washington, King County

# **City of Seattle**

### CITY OF SEATTLE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING

The City of Seattle Public Safety Civil Service Commission intends to amend its Rules of Practice and Procedure which were most recently amended October 25, 2024. Pursuant to Section 3.02.030 of the Seattle Municipal Code, the Commission will take written comment on the proposed amend-ments through 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025, and will take verbal public com-ment during its meeting on Friday, April 18, 2025. 18, 2025.

The Commission will discuss and poten-tially take a vote to amend the Rules at the Commission's meeting on Friday, April 18, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

2025, at 10:00 a.m. The Rules and Amendments are autho-rized by Article XVI, Section 3 of the Seattle City Charter and by Subsection 4.08.070 (A) of the Seattle Municipal Code. The proposed amendments affect; 1) 2.13 REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS OR DECISIONS OF THE DIRECTOR; 2) 8.07 ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION PENDING APPEAL; 3) 9.09 PROMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; 4) 9.15 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND PROMOTIONAL EXAMS; and 5) 9.20 PREFERENCE FOR MULTILINGUAL CANDIDATES Conies of the pronosed amended rules

Copies of the proposed amended rules and a comparison of the proposed rules to the current rules are available on-line at News & Updates - Public Safety Civil Service Commission seattle gov and at the Commission's offices in the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 Fifth Avenue, Suite 1670, Seattle, Washington, 98104.

Writen public comments may be e-mailed to <u>PublicSafety@seattle.gov</u>; include "public comment" in the subject line. Dates of publication in the Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, April 3 and 4, 2025.

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Office of the City Clerk E-signed 2024-11-06 08:06AM PST cityclerkfiling@seattle.gov





# CITY OF SEATTLE PUBLIC SAFETY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

# **RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE**

Previously Amended: December 14, 2023 **Most Recently Amended: October 25, 2024**  *Commissioners Richard Greene, Chair Stacy Connole Tom Applegate* 

# **2.13 REVIEW AND RECONSIDERATION OF ACTIONS OR DECISIONS OF THE DIRECTOR.**

a. The Executive Director may review and/or modify any decision made on behalf of the Commission by the Seattle Department of Human Resources Director or their designee.

b. The Commission on its own motion may review and/or modify any action or decision of the Executive Director.

c. Any person adversely affected by any action or decision of the Executive Director may request the Commission to revise or modify such action or decision. Such request shall be in writing setting forth with reasonable certainty the action objected to, the grounds supporting the request, and the relief sought, and must be made within 10 days from the date of notice of such action unless established otherwise by City Charter or elsewhere in these Rules. The Commission shall thereupon, if in its opinion good cause is shown, conduct a hearing thereon.

**8.07 ADMISSION TO EXAMINATION PENDING APPEAL.** The Executive Director or designee from the Seattle Human Resources Department may admit to the examination anyone whose application was not accepted, pending final disposition of their appeal, such admission to be without prejudice to either the City or the applicant.

**9.09 PROMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE.** For Fire examinations, a Promotional Development Committee made up of representatives of the Seattle Fire Department shall meet with representatives of the Seattle Human Resources Department to provide subject-matter expertise necessary in the development of specific examinations.

## 9.15 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND PROMOTIONAL EXAMS

a. Definitions: The following definitions apply solely to Rule 9.15.

ACCOMMODATED EMPLOYEE: An employee who missed a scheduled examination because he or she was on active military service on the scheduled examination date or for more than 30 consecutive days during the preparation period and requested the accommodation within 30 days of returning to City service.

CURRENT REGISTER: A register created from the most recent promotional examination.

PREPARATION PERIOD: The time period time with the publication of the final examination bibliography and ending with the scheduled examination.

PREVIOUS REGISTER: The register created from the promotional examination that the employee missed because of active military service.

"Regular employee" means a person appointed from a register who has satisfactorily completed a one (1) year period of probationary employment.

"Scheduled examination" means an examination administered to create a register for a given position.

"Updated register" means the previous register that was adjusted to include the accommodated employee as though he or she did not miss the examination due to active military service.

### **Application of this Rule**

The provisions of this Rule apply to a regular employee who was unable to take a scheduled examination because he or she was on active military service:

- A. on the scheduled examination date; or
- B. for more than 30 consecutive days during the preparation period.

The Department's Chief has final appointing authority on promotional decisions.

### **Examination Accommodation Related to Active Military Service**

Any regular employee may request accommodation if he or she was on active military service on the date of the scheduled examination or for more than thirty (30) consecutive days during the preparation period. The accommodation request must be made within thirty (30) days of returning to City service. The Commission will provide the following accommodations.

- a. The accommodated employee shall take the earliest scheduled examination unless he or she missed thirty (30) consecutive days of the scheduled examination's preparation period due to active military service. In such case, the accommodated employee can choose to
  - 1. take the earliest scheduled examination; or
  - 2. take the following scheduled examination.
- b. If the accommodated employee is available and chooses to take the earliest scheduled examination, he or she
  - 1. may submit an application up to fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled examination date; and
  - 2. waives the accommodations provided in Sections D-F of this rule.
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