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MEMORANDUM HR# 52-22

December 05, 2022

TO: DHRM Listserv Recipients

FROM: Mandee Bowsmith, Administrator Mandee Bowsmith

Division of Human Resource Management

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING – PERSONNEL COMMISSION

The agenda for the December 09, 2022, meeting of the Personnel Commission has been posted on our website. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Nevada State Library and Archives Building, 100 N. Stewart Street, Room 110, Carson City, with videoconferencing to Las Vegas at the Grant Sawyer Building, 555 E. Washington Avenue, Room 1400.

To view the full agenda, please visit our website at:

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Thank you.

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PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Meeting Notice

DATE: Friday, December 9, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

LOCATION: State Library and Archives Building

100 N. Stewart Street

Room 110

Carson City, Nevada 89701

Grant Sawyer Building 555 E. Washington Avenue

Room 1400

Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Agenda

- I. Call To Order, Welcome, Roll Call, Announcements
- II. Public Comment: No vote or action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.
- FOR POSSIBLE ACTION III. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

A. Held June 24, 2022

B. Held August 9, 2022

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION IV. Discussion and Possible Action for NAC 289.589 Temporary

Regulation Changes to Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 284.....

LCB File No. R138-22

Sec. 1 NAC 284.589 Administrative leave with pay

FOR POSSIBLE ACTION V. Discussion and Approval of Proposed Class Specification

Maintenance Review of Classes Recommended for Revisions and/or

Abolishment

- A. Law Enforcement Support Service
 - 1. Subgroup: Investigations & Inspections
 - a. 11.350 Deputy Administrator, Equal Rights Commission
 - b. 11.367 Uninsured Employer Claims Coordinator
- B. Social Services & Rehabilitation

1. Group Institutional Supervision & Correction

a. 12.583 Institutional Chaplain

INFORMATIONAL ITEM VI. Report of Uncontested Classification Changes Not Requiring Personnel Commission Approval per NRS 284.160

Posting: #10-22

11.406 Assistant Chief Insurance Examiner Series

Posting: #11-22

11.144 Fingerprint/Records Supervisor Series

Posting: #12-22

11.564 Safety Supervisor, Elevator – DIR Series

Posting: #13-22

11.529 Safety Supervisor, Boiler - DIR Series

Posting: #14-22

1.514 Deputy Brand Inspector Series

Posting: #15-22

7.921 IT Professional Series

Posting: #16-22

6.987 Electronics Technician Series

Posting: #17-22

7.776 Fiscal/Business Professional Trainee Series

Posting: #18-22

6.766 Climate and Energy Specialist

Posting: #19-22

13.141 Park Ranger Series

Posting: #20-22

12.619 Parole & Probation Specialist Series

Posting: #01-23

6.753 Building Construction Inspector Series

VII. Discussion of Dates for Upcoming Meetings

VIII. Commission Comments

IX. Public Comment: No vote or action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda as an item upon which action may be taken.

X. Adjournment

Supporting material for this meeting is available at the Division of Human Resource Management at 209 E. Musser Street, Suite 101, Carson City, Nevada, 89701; 555 E. Washington Avenue, Suite 1400, Las Vegas, NV, 89101; or on our website http://hr.nv.gov/Boards/PersonnelCommission/PersonnelCommission-Meetings/. To obtain a copy of the supporting material, you may contact Ernie Hernandez at (775) 684-0135 or ernestinahernandez@admin.nv.gov.

Inquiries regarding the items scheduled for this Commission meeting may be made to Ernie Hernandez at (775) 684-0135 or ernestinahernandez@admin.nv.gov.

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Notice of this meeting has been posted at the following locations:

Carson City

Blasdel Building, 209 East Musser Street Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 North Stewart Street Nevada State Capitol Building, 101 North Carson Street Legislative Counsel Bureau, 401 South Carson Street

Las Vegas

Grant Sawyer Building, 555 East Washington Avenue

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EXPLANATIONS OF PROPOSED CHANGES LCB File No. R138-22

Section 1: NAC 284.589 Administrative leave with pay.

This amendment, proposed by the Division of Human Resource Management (DHRM), will require an appointing authority to grant administrative leave to newly hired veterans for use to attend medical appointments until the employee has earned enough sick leave to use for such appointments.

The State of Nevada values veterans and recognizes the talent and variation of skills and experience acquired while in the service. Veterans are encouraged to apply for employment within state service and it is recognized that in most instances newly separated service members are still undergoing medical evaluation by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to determine if the individual has a service-connected disability. These evaluations through the VA are time-sensitive and newly separated service members may have to wait months to be scheduled for an evaluation. Any delays in attending those evaluations could be detrimental to their physical or mental wellbeing and cause financial hardship as those individuals will not receive compensation from the VA until their claim has been processed and approved. Additionally, veterans who have established service-connected disabilities through the VA may have physical and mental health needs that are addressed on a reoccurring basis, and it could be injurious for that individual to delay medical appointments until such a time they were able to accrue sufficient sick leave as a new state employee.

REVISED PROPOSED REGULATION OF

THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION

LCB File No. R138-22

August 15, 2022

EXPLANATION - Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: § 1, NRS 284.065 and 284.345.

A REGULATION relating to state personnel; requiring an appointing authority or the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration to grant administrative leave with pay to an employee who is a veteran for purposes of attending certain appointments related to determining whether the veteran has a service-connected disability or receiving health care services related to such a disability; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Personnel Commission of the Division of Human Resource Management of the Department of Administration to adopt regulations necessary to carry out provisions of law relating to the state personnel system, including regulations for attendance and leave with or without pay for state employees. (NRS 284.345) Existing regulations require an appointing authority to grant administrative leave with pay to an employee who receives counseling through an employee assistance program for purposes of attending certain appointments relating to participation in the program. (NAC 284.589) This regulation requires an appointing authority or the Division to grant up to 96 hours of administrative leave with pay to an employee who is a veteran during the first 12 months of his or her employment for: (1) attending an appointment with a provider of health care for purposes of determining whether the veteran has a service-connected disability; or (2) receiving health care services relating to a service-connected disability. This regulation provides that such leave is in addition to any leave to which the employee is entitled for purposes of attending certain appointments relating to participation in an employee assistance program.

Section 1. NAC 284.589 is hereby amended to read as follows:

284.589 1. An appointing authority may grant administrative leave with pay to an employee:

- (a) To relieve the employee of his or her duties during the active investigation of a suspected criminal violation or the investigation of alleged wrongdoing;
- (b) For up to 30 days when the appointing authority initiates the leave to obtain the results of an examination concerning the ability of the employee to perform the essential functions of his or her position;
- (c) For up to 30 days to remove the employee from the workplace when he or she has committed or threatened to commit an act of violence; or
- (d) To relieve the employee of his or her duties until the appointing authority receives the results of a screening test pursuant to NRS 284.4065.
- 2. The appointing authority, upon approval of the Risk Management Division, may extend administrative leave with pay granted to an employee for a purpose set forth in paragraph (b) or (c) of subsection 1.
- 3. If an employee is granted administrative leave with pay pursuant to subsection 1 or 2, the employee must be available:
 - (a) By telephone to the supervisor of the employee; and
- (b) To report to a work site or another location, as directed by the supervisor of the employee,→ during regular business hours.
- 4. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 6, an appointing authority or the Division of Human Resource Management may grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for any of the following purposes:
- (a) His or her participation in, or attendance at, activities which are directly or indirectly related to the employee's job or employment with the State but which do not require him or her to participate or attend in an official capacity as a state employee.

- (b) His or her safety during an emergency when employees have been authorized by the Governor not to report to work or to leave work before the end of their shifts during the emergency, including, without limitation, emergencies relating to enemy attacks or other hostile actions, natural causes or other catastrophes, except for employees who are designated as essential and notified that they are required to report to work or remain at work.
- (c) Closure of the employee's office or work site caused by a natural disaster, pandemic or other similar adverse condition when the employee is scheduled and expected to be at work. An appointing authority may designate certain employees as essential and notify them that they are required to report to work.
- (d) Closure, as a result of a pandemic, of a school or a center or facility that provides day care services which is attended by the employee's dependent child or the temporary cancellation, as a result of a pandemic, of a program attended by the employee's dependent child. An appointing authority may designate certain employees as essential and notify them that they are required to report to work.
- (e) Up to 2 hours for participating in Veterans Day at the Legislature established pursuant to NRS 236.047, if the employee is a veteran.
 - (f) Up to 2 hours for donating blood.
- (g) For attending a general employee benefits orientation or an educational session relating to employee benefits, including, without limitation, retirement and deferred compensation.
- (h) His or her appearance as an aggrieved employee, an employee who filed a complaint described in NAC 284.658 or a witness at a hearing of the Committee.
- (i) His or her appearance as a witness at a hearing regarding a matter described in subparagraph (1), (2) or (3) of paragraph (f) of subsection 7.

- (j) His or her appearance to provide testimony at a meeting of the Commission.
- 5. To the extent not already covered in subsection 4, during any period in which a state of emergency or declaration of disaster has been proclaimed pursuant to NRS 414.070, an appointing authority may grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for purposes related to health and safety.
- 6. An appointing authority or the Division of Human Resource Management shall grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for a purpose set forth in paragraph (h), (i) or (j) of subsection 4 if:
- (a) The employee requests the administrative leave for a period of time that is reasonably needed to testify at the hearing or meeting;
- (b) The employee requests the administrative leave at least 2 weeks before the leave is needed, unless such notice is impractical; and
- (c) The absence of the employee will not cause an undue hardship to the operations of the appointing authority or adversely impact the provision of services to clients or to the public.
- 7. An appointing authority shall grant administrative leave with pay to an employee for any of the following purposes:
- (a) The initial appointment and one follow-up appointment if the employee receives counseling through an employee assistance program, including, without limitation, consultations provided in person or telephonically.
- (b) His or her attendance at a health fair or related event coordinated by the Public Employees' Benefits Program.
- (c) His or her participation in an official capacity as a member of a committee or board created by statute on which he or she serves as a representative of state employees, including,

without limitation, any time spent reviewing materials submitted in connection with any agenda item or otherwise preparing for the meeting. Such leave must be in lieu of other fees provided for attendance at meetings and participation in official functions of the committee or board.

- (d) Up to 8 hours for preparation for any predisciplinary review.
- (e) Up to 8 hours for preparation for any hearing described in paragraph (f).
- (f) The appearance of the employee as a party at a hearing regarding:
- (1) An alleged reprisal or retaliatory action against the employee for disclosing an improper governmental action as provided in NRS 281.641;
 - (2) An involuntary transfer of the employee as provided in NRS 284.376; or
- (3) A suspension, demotion or dismissal of the employee as provided in NRS 284.390 and at a predisciplinary review as provided in NAC 284.6561.
- 8. In addition to any leave to which an employee is entitled pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 7, an appointing authority or the Division of Human Resource Management shall grant up to 96 hours of administrative leave with pay to an employee who is a veteran during the first 12 months of his or her employment for:
- (a) Attending an appointment with a provider of health care for purposes of determining whether he or she has a service-connected disability; or
 - (b) Receiving health care services relating to a service-connected disability.
 - 9. As used in this section:
- (a) "Health care services" means services for the diagnosis, prevention, treatment, care or relief of a health condition, illness, injury or disease, including, without limitation, mental health services.
 - (b) "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 629.031.



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Regulation Small Business Impact Statement

Section 15 of Article 15 of the Nevada Constitution requires the Legislature to provide for a State merit system governing the employment of employees in the Executive Branch of State government and in 1969 the Legislature provided for such in NRS 284. Additionally, NRS 284.013 provides limitations to which employees of the Executive Branch are covered by NRS 284. NRS 284.065 authorizes the Personnel Commission to adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

Due to the limitations of the Nevada State Constitution and NRS 284, the Division of Human Resource Management staff has determined that the adoption of this proposed regulation does not affect small businesses, impose a significant economic burden on small businesses, nor will it restrict the formation, operation or expansion of small business. This regulation only impacts employees moving into the nonclassified, classified, or unclassified service of the Executive Branch.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge or belief, a concerted effort was made to determine the impact of the proposed regulation on small business and that the information contained in this statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Mandee Bowsmith	November 11, 2022
Mandee Bowsmith, Interim Administrator	Date