



# Office of the Civil Service Commission

*Richard C. David, Mayor*

*Sharon Sorkin, Acting Personnel & Safety Director*  
*Leana Testani, Assistant Director of Personnel & Safety*

*Patrick O' Day, Commissioner*  
*Catherine Furner, Commissioner*  
*Eileen Fitzgerald, Commissioner*

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## **CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES** **Personnel/Civil Service Office, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton** **3pm Wednesday, November 17, 2021**

- I. Call to Order at 3:02pm
- II. Present: Patrick O' Day, Eileen Fitzgerald, Dawne Adams, Kelsey Dennison, and Leana Testani  
Absent: Catherine Furner
- III. Approve the minutes from the October 27, 2021 meeting  
Motion: Fitzgerald  
Second: O' Day  
All in favor
- IV. Old Business:
  - a. New position, Youth Advocate, BCSD, presented by Leana Testani and Dawne Adams  
  
Testani and Adams worked on new qualifications per the concerns of the Commission at the October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Fitzgerald said the new qualifications were what the Commission was looking for, for this type of position. O' Day agreed.  
  
Motion to approve the job description as amended: O' Day  
Second: Fitzgerald  
All in favor
- V. New Business:
  - a. Approval to pursue contract with Police Psychologist, Douglas Thompson, due to changes in Civil Service Law, presented by Leana Testani  
  
Testani explained the new DCJS qualifications for new police officers and the requirement for in person psychological evaluations. Dr. Thompson is highly qualified and recommended by DCJS, and the only one in Broome County, with experience in handling public safety personnel.  
  
Board agreed to designate Dr. Thompson as the preferred Civil Service psychologist for the City of Binghamton and that the City can move forward in securing a contract.
- VI. Announcement made by Testani that she will be leaving employment with the City on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and therefore Sharon Sorkin will be taking over at the Civil Service Commission Secretary.
- VII. Adjournment  
Next meeting will be December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Motion to adjourn: O' Day  
Second: Fitzgerald  
Time: 3:10pm