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Monday, October 21, 2024

Mr. Eric Hessler PANO 320 N. Carrollton Avenue #202 New Orleans, LA 70119

Re:

Norvel Orazio, et al VS.

Department of Police Docket Number: 7893

Dear Mr. Hessler:

Attached is the action of the Civil Service Commission at the Commission's meeting on Friday, 9/13/2024.

Yours very truly,

Doddie K. Smith

Chief, Management Services Division

CC:

Anne E. Kirkpatrick William R. H. Goforth Norvel Orazio, et al file

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

NORVEL ORAZIO, et al., Appellants

Docket No. 7893

v.

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE, Appointing Authority

ORDER

On July 11, 2024, Appellants filed a motion to enforce the Fourth Circuit's October 25, 2023, decision awarding backpay to Appellants. The Fourth Circuit's decision was final on February 14, 2024, when the Louisiana Supreme Court denied writ. The Commission heard oral argument on Appellant's motion to enforce and for attorney's fees at its September 13, 2024, regular meeting. The Commission granted the motion for attorney's fees pursuant to Civil Service Rule II, sections 11.1 and 11.4, which require payment of all backpay within 45 days of the date a judgment becomes final. The Commission issued a written order on September 25, 2024, requesting documentation of attorney's fees within two weeks. Counsel for Appellants filed an attorney fee invoice on October 1, 2024, setting forth detailed billing records related to the motion to enforce.

The Commission has considered the attorney fee invoice submitted by Appellants' counsel on October 1, 2024, in accordance with the Commission's September 25, 2024, order. The Department of Police has not objected to the amount or the reasonableness of the submitted fees. Pursuant to Civil Service Rule II, section 11.4, the Commission awards the Appellants \$1,335.00, the amount of reasonable attorney's fees incurred by Appellants from April 24, 2024, to September 13, 2024. The Commission orders that this award of attorney's fees in favor of the Appellants be

paid in full by the Appointing Authority on or before ten days from the date the Department of Civil Service issues this order.

Britzney Richardson (Oct 18, 2024 05:18 CDT)

BRITTNEY RICHARDSON, CHAIRPERSON

JOHN KORN, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Andrew Monteverde (Oct 15, 2024 11:11 CDT)

ANDREW MONTEVERDE, COMMISSIONER