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Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

Mr. Arthur Woods

Re: **Arthur Woods VS.
Sewerage & Water Board
Docket Number: 9293**

Dear Mr. Woods:

Attached is the action of the Civil Service Commission at the Commission's meeting on Monday, 12/13/2021.

Yours very truly,


Doddie K. Smith
Chief, Management Services Division

cc: Ghassan Korban
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Re: **Arthur Woods VS.
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Docket Number: 9297**

Dear Mr. Woods:

Attached is the action of the Civil Service Commission at the Commission's meeting on Monday, 12/13/2021.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doddie K. Smith".

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**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**ARTHUR WOODS,
Appellant**

Docket Nos. 9293/9297

v.

**SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD,
Appointing Authority**

MINUTE ENTRY

The Sewerage & Water Board moved for summary disposition of these whistleblower appeals on the basis that Mr. Woods may not base a whistleblower appeal on a notice of intent to impose discipline. The Commission heard oral argument of this motion at its December 13, 2021, regular meeting. The Commission granted summary disposition, as a notice of intent to impose suspension is not discipline or discriminatory treatment under Rule II, § 10.1. Therefore, Mr. Woods has not met the requirements of a whistleblower appeal.

Further, in the past six months, the Commission has dismissed six separate appeals filed by Mr. Woods. At its June 21, 2021 meeting, the Commission dismissed two appeals (9242, 9243) based on a counseling, which is not discipline, and two other untimely appeals (9254, 9257). Following its October 18, 2021 meeting, the Commission dismissed two appeals (9235, 9236) based on a letter of reprimand that was rescinded. The Commission dismissed a third appeal (9286) at its October meeting because Woods suffered no discipline, and there was no evidence the discriminatory treatment Woods alleged was directed at him. Based on this history, and, in particular, on the prior dismissal of appeals based on an absence of discipline, the Commission refers the Sewerage & Water Board's request for attorney fees to a hearing officer for evaluation.

This is the 12th day of January 2022.

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Brittney Richardson (Dec 15, 2021 12:29 CST)

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