CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026

A special meeting of the City Civil Service Commission was held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, in the Civil Service Department's Conference Room, Suite 964 at 1340 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112. Ms. Stacie Joseph called the roll. Present were Chairperson Brittney Richardson, Commissioner Mark Surprenant, Commissioner Ruth White Davis, and Commissioner Andrew Monteverde. Commissioner Richardson convened the meeting at 4:00 p.m. The Commission then proceeded with the business meeting.

Item #1a under Classification and Compensation Matters was a request from the Fire Department to create new job classifications of Firefighter (Transitional Duty), Fire Apparatus Operator (Transitional Duty), and Fire Captain (Transitional Duty).

Commissioner Monteverde recused himself from this item.

Robert Hagmann, Personnel Administrator, stated that approval of the request would create dedicated positions that would provide medically restricted fire service employees with the opportunity to remain employed in a lateral classification while recovering from an on-duty or a non-duty injury or medical condition. Transfers to a transitional duty classification would be temporary (up to 120 days) and approved at the discretion of the Appointing Authority and the authorized medical professional assigned to the employee’s worker compensation case exclusive of those employees covered by the Pregnant Worker’s Fairness Act. Employees approved to work in the classifications would move from working a 106-hour two-week cycle to a 40-hour work week and leave days would be 8 hours in contrast to a regular Firefighter’s 12-hour leave day.

Deputy Superintendent Elbert Thomas and Fire Administrator, Tomekia Edmond-Dunkley, addressed the Commission to answer their questions and provide additional details regarding the request.

Commissioner Davis moved to approve the new job classifications. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Surprenant and approved unanimously.

There being no additional business to consider, Commissioner Richardson moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and approved unanimously.

Brittney Richardson (Jul 3, 2026 11:06:53 CDT)

Brittney Richardson, Chairperson

Mark Surprenant (Jun 23, 2026 13:15:40 EDT)

Mark Surprenant, Commissioner

Ruth White Davis (Jun 23, 2026 11:39:14 CDT)

Ruth White Davis, Commissioner

Andrew Monteverde (Jun 23, 2026 10:58:35 CDT)

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