



City of Seattle

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONS

The Civil Service Commission

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AGENDA*

THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

**The agenda is subject to change to address immediate Commission concerns.*

DATE: Monday, September 20, 2021

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: WebEx

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AUDIO/VIDEO TECH CHECK

CHAIR (CSC 2.05)

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. INTRODUCTIONS
3. LAND RECOGNITION
4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - August 16, 2021

6. CASE STATUS REPORT/NEW APPEALS/APPEAL UPDATES
 - Case Status Report

7. CSC ADMINISTRATION
 - Retreat Scheduling & Topic Planning

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT
 - Vaccine Mandate
 - Departmental Work Update-Alternative Work Arrangements
 - Budget Update
 - CSC Outreach Update

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (MAY BE CANCELLED IF NOT NEEDED)

ADJOURN

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2021 @ 2:00 pm

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- **Case Status Report**

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CASE STATUS REPORT
September 2021**

FILED/OPEN:

CASE NUMBER	APPELLANT	RESPONDENT DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	RULE/CODE	ISSUE	STATUS	PRESIDING OFFICER
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No New or Open Appeals

DISMISSED/CLOSED:

CASE NUMBER	APPELLANT	RESPONDENT DEPARTMENT	DATE FILED	RULE/CODE	ISSUE	DATE DISMISSED	PRESIDING OFFICER
20-01-017	Smith	FAS	9-14-2020		Suspension	2-10-21-Appellant Withdrew Appeal. Hearing Scheduled for March 2-5, 2021- Canceled	CSC
20-07-013	Kim	SPU	1-4-2021		Appeal Dismissed by the Executive Director	Appellant appeared before the Commission at its March meeting. The Commission upheld the decision of the Executive Director. An Order was issued April 8, 2021	CSC

7. CSC ADMINISTRATION

- Retreat Scheduling & Topic Planning

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- **Vaccine Mandate**
- **Departmental Work Update-Alternative Work Arrangements**
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From: [Durkan, Jenny](#)
To: [Durkan, Jenny](#)
Subject: Protecting the Safety of Employees and Their Families
Date: Monday, August 09, 2021 1:12:01 PM

Dear City Family,

As the initial epicenter of COVID-19, our city workforce embarked upon a monumental endeavor to serve our community. Throughout the past 17 months, we have all had to adapt to a changing “new normal” as we worked together to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Our collective work together has led Seattle to be the safest major city in the country with the lowest number of cases, hospitalizations, and deaths.

But our work to protect our families, community, and employees must also match a virus that is constantly evolving. Soon, I’ll be joining Governor Inslee and County Executive Dow Constantine to announce that we will be requiring City of Seattle executive branch employees to be fully vaccinated by October 18, 2021.

Seattle is already leading the country on our vaccination rates: over 82.5% of residents 12 and older have received at least one dose of the vaccine. There is no doubt that vaccines work, and that they are our best defense against the highly contagious Delta variant. In our city and countywide data, we see how vaccines are preventing serious illness, hospitalizations, and deaths even as we have lifted most capacity restrictions at all businesses in the state and more than 60% employees have returned to their work sites.

There has not been a reported death of a Seattle resident since July 11, and Seattle has averaged some of its lowest hospitalizations of the entire pandemic. Of the 1.45 million residents fully vaccinated in King County, 0.1% have had a positive test result following vaccination, 0.004% have been hospitalized for COVID-19 and 0.001% have died due to COVID-19.

The spread of the Delta variant has required that we continue to ensure we are making decisions that our safe for our employees and their families. We cannot forget the basics of keeping ourselves and our families safe: vaccines, testing, distancing and face coverings. With that, I wanted to provide a few updates:

- **Starting Monday, October 18, 2021, City workers will be required to be fully vaccinated as a condition of employment.** This applies to all City workers in executive departments, regardless of whether or not you are reporting to the office, unless you have a religious or medical exemption. Employees will be required to verify and submit proof of vaccination by Monday, October 18. In the coming weeks, we will be creating a new system for verifying employee vaccination status, and we will have more to share on that soon. Employees who applied and are verified to have a medical or religious exemption will be required to undergo COVID-19 testing weekly and be required to distance. All employees will continue to be required to wear face coverings in indoor public settings. [You can find more information in our COVID-19 FAQs.](#)
- **Teleworking employees can continue teleworking through at least mid-October unless**

there is a business need for their return. Over the next two months, the City will be returning employees to reopen public facing counters and community centers and will continue to open library branches. We believe this can be done safely. In addition, teleworking employees can continue to have the option to work from their office. All employees will continue to be required to wear face coverings in indoor public settings. The City will continue issuing the temporary COVID-19 telework allowance and downtown City parking garages will remain \$7 per day.

- **New Alternative Work Arrangements will be available after mid-October, subject to supervisor approval.** We know that while some of you have grown accustomed to teleworking during this time, in-person interactions are important to our work culture and employees' wellbeing by creating opportunities for relationship building, collaboration, and creativity. We must deliver on services for our residents, communities and businesses. Seattle HR will begin rolling out a new AWA process later this week.

Make no mistake, this is the right decision to save lives and protect city workers. Vaccines protect not only vaccinated people but also those who come into contact with them. It is crucial that in our workplaces where we work, eat, have meetings, and laugh together, we make sure we are doing what we can to keep ourselves and our colleagues, our children and families, customers, and members of the public safe from serious illness, hospitalization, or death from this virus. That is why I am implementing this vaccine mandate, and every step of the way, we will continue to make decisions based on the science and public health guidance to save lives.

This has been one of the most consequential times in the history of our City – and every step of the way, City of Seattle employees have been there on the front lines, delivering for our residents and working to keep our communities safe.

As always, thank you for your hard work and dedication to the people of Seattle at a time that is immensely challenging for all of us personally. Continue to take care of one another. We have shown that collective, positive action works.

Sincerely,

Jenny

From: [Scheele, Andrea](#)
To: [Jacobs, Teresa](#)
Subject: FW: New Alternative Work Arrangement (AWA) Platform Live!
Date: Thursday, August 26, 2021 4:30:22 PM
Attachments: [How to Request an Alternative Work Arrangement \(AWA\) 081021.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

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From: Email Broadcast <Email_Broadcast@seattle.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 16, 2021 8:46 AM
To: Email Broadcast <Email_Broadcast@seattle.gov>
Subject: New Alternative Work Arrangement (AWA) Platform Live!

The following email has been approved for Citywide Broadcast by the Mayor's Office.

Point of Contact for this broadcast: shr_info@seattle.gov

Hello Colleagues,

First, I want to acknowledge that nearly 60% of City staff have continued to report to the office or worksite to provide in-person services. We see you and we thank you. A thank you is also owed to everyone for their patience and grace as we've navigated this pandemic together. We continue to learn about and react to the virus. Know that the City is closely monitoring COVID case counts and updates to Public Health guidance with your safety in mind. In the meantime, we continue to prepare for all employees to return to the worksite. To that end, I am writing to inform you that the City's [Return To Worksite website](#) and AWA platform is live for employee use. The website includes real-time resources and grants access to:

- **News and updates** about RTW plans and developments.
- **Training resources** to help supervisors and managers learn strategies that best support employees.

- **Workplace protocols** that help foster a greater sense of responsibility to maintain safety as we transition back to work.
- **Employee, Manager, and HR resources** are available on the website to support many of your individual needs or help you may require if you are unsure where to locate them.
- [The new Alternative Work Arrangement \(AWA\) Application Platform](#) is the method employees will use to submit a new AWA for approval and access AWA guidelines for employees and managers and FAQs.
- The [“How to Request an Alternative Work Arrangement”](#) guide that details the steps required to submit an [AWA request](#) for your immediate supervisor and director to review. The guide is also attached to this email for your convenience.

Please remember:

- In light of the Mayor’s Telework Directive ending October 18, 2021, City of Seattle executive branch employees who want to continue teleworking are expected to submit their AWA requests by September 3. Employees are expected to return to onsite work at their regular City worksite for their normal work hours unless they have an approved new AWA and have been approved to start working their new alternative work arrangement.
- In order for an employee to continue working on an AWA, it must be renewed on a yearly basis. Managers and employees should re-evaluate AWAs at the mid-year point to see if any adjustments need to be made.
- If you are starting a new compressed schedule, please work closely with your supervisor and department HR Partners to make sure you start your new schedule on the correct day. The compressed schedule start date may differ from when your telework agreement begins.
- We have included tools and resources at City’s [Return To Worksite website](#) to guide you in planning or answer questions you may have.

While we are striving towards returning to our everyday lives as City employees, we are not forgetting that the pandemic is not over. As I mentioned earlier The City is closely monitoring COVID case counts and updates to Public Health guidance. We have issued an updated [face covering policy](#) over the past week in response to Public Health’s July 26 [Indoor Masking Directive](#). This week, you also received [Mayoral Directive #9](#), within the policy are mandatory vaccination as a condition of employment for all City employees starting October 18, and the continuation of teleworking through mid-October. [You can find more information in our](#)

[COVID-19 FAQs](#). For the latest information on the Delta variant, please visit the [COVID-19 SharePoint](#).

Thank you,

-Kimberly Loving

9. OLD/NEW BUSINESS