BEFORE THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION,
3 GFD EMPLOYEES: [J.J. CRUZ, R.T.
CANDASO, and J.A. PANGELINAN,
COMPLAINANTS]

Employees,

vs.

GUAM FIRE DEPARTMENT,
Management.

POST AUDIT APPEAL
CASE NO.: 21-PA06

DECISION AND JUDGMENT;
NULL AND VOID PERSONNEL
ACTION OF ROY T.
CANDASO, JASON J. CRUZ,
AND JAMES A. PANGELINAN

This matter came on to be heard the March 17, 2022, hearing on the Post Audit
Provisional Null and Void. Assistant Attorney General Matthew Wolff was present
for Management. Attorney Jacqueline Taitano Terlaje was present for Employees.
Commissioners present were Acting Chairman Anthony P. Benavente, Vice
Chairman John Smith, Commissioner Priscilla T. Tuncap, and Commissioner Robert
C. Taitano.

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The Staff report found that Management required the three (3) Employees to resign their current Government positions in order to be selected for the new position. The requirement of the resignations as a condition of employment violated the Personnel Rules and Regulations (PR&R) because the rules do not address conditional merit selection, and because Management was trying to avoid the requirements of PR&R 6.003, which addresses lateral transfers. Rule 6.003 would require the three (3) Employees to be placed closest to, but not more than the employee’s salary at the time of demotion. Management placed them at level 1 which is lower than their pay at their previous position.

The Commission voted 4 to 0 to **Finally NULL AND VOID** the personnel actions of Roy T. Candaso, Jason J. Cruz, and James A. Pangelinan.

**SO ORDERED THIS 17th day of March, 2022.**

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ANTHONY P. BENAVENTE  
Chairman, Acting

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JOHN SMITH  
Vice Chairman

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PRISCILLA T. TUNCAP  
Commissioner

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ROBERT C. TAITANO  
Commissioner

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