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BEFORE THE GUAM CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

TYLER P. NANGAUTA,

Employee,

VS.

GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY,

Management.

ADVERSE ACTION APPEAL CASES NO.: 21-AA11S and 21-AA16T

DECISION AND ORDER

INTRODUCTION

This matter came before the Civil Service Commission (CSC) on September 7, 2021, on Employee's June 24, 2021, Motion to Void Immediate Suspension (CSC Case No. 21-AA11S) and Termination (CSC Case No. 21-AA16T). Present for the hearing were the Employee, Tyler P.

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Nangauta, his Lay Representative, Robert Koss, and Guam Waterworks
Authority General Manager of Administration, Christopher Budasi for
Management. Present for the Civil Service Commission were Chairman
Juan K. Calvo; Vice Chairman, John Smith; Commissioner Priscilla T.
Tuncap; Commissioner Emilia F. Rice, and Commissioner Robert C.
Taitano.

JURISDICTION & BACKGROUND

The jurisdiction of the Commission is based upon 4 G.C.A. §4401, et seq., and relevant portions of the Guam Waterworks Authority Personnel Rules and Regulations. On June 24, 2021, Employee filed a Motion to Void Immediate Suspension (CSC Case No. 21-AA11S) and Termination (CSC Case No. 21-AA16T) Adverse Actions for Violation of Law. On July 9, 2021, Management filed its response.

Thereafter, on or about August 3, 2021, Management cancelled the suspension action and Employee was reimbursed all lost pay due to the suspension. On August 10, 2021, Management filed a Motion to Dismiss pursuant to CSC Rule 9.5 based on Management's Withdrawal of the Suspension Action, and Restoration of Employee's Pay. In its August 10, 2021 motion, Management cited to the Commission's lack of jurisdiction to

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move forward with the suspension matter based on Management's August 3, 2021 action to rescind the suspension and restore Employee's pay lost during the suspension period.

DISCUSSION

During the September 7, 2021, hearing, Employee acknowledged receipt of a check paying back all salaries and benefits withheld from the suspension and Employee's representative verbally confirmed no opposition from the Employee on Management's position to rescind suspension and restore Employee's pay. Upon Management's withdrawal of the suspension action and restoration of the Employee's pay, the Commission determined that no further issue existed the on Employee's suspension matter. Notwithstanding, the Commission heard arguments by both parties and moved to vote on whether a violation by Management occurred on Employee's Motion that Management had violated its own rules for first suspending then terminating Employee for the same alleged incident.

CONCLUSION

The Commission voted 4 to 0 in favor of Management denying the Employee's Motion to Void both the immediate suspension (CSC Case No. 21-AA11S) and termination (CSC Case No. 21-AA16T) actions in violation

of Management's rules. The Employee's suspension matter has been determined moot due to Management's August 3, 2021 actions rescinding the suspension and the Employee's termination matter will proceed to a hearing on the merits to be scheduled at a later date.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of November, 2021.

JUAN K. CALVO
Chairman

Chairman

Chairman

JOHN SMITH
Vide Chairman

PRISCILLA TUNCAP
Commissioner

Commissioner

Commissioner

ROBERT C. TAITANO

Commissioner