

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

In the Matter of J. A. C., Jersey City, Police Officer, (S9999M)

OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

CSC Docket No. 2014-1878

Medical Examiners Panel Appeal

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(ED)

J. A. C. appeals his rejection as a Police Officer candidate by the City of Jersey City and its request to remove his name from the eligible list for Police Officer (S9999M) on the basis of medical unfitness to perform effectively the duties of the position due to an abnormal electrocardiogram and hypertension.

This appeal was brought before the Medical Examiners Panel on December 2, 2015, which rendered the attached report and recommendation on December 4, 2015. The appellant and his mother were present at the meeting. Vincent Signorile, Esq. represented the City of Jersey City. No exceptions were filed by the parties.

*N.J.A.C.* 4A:4-6.5 provides for the Civil Service Commission to utilize the expertise of a Medical Examiners Panel to make a report and recommendation on medical disqualification issues. The Panel is composed of medical professionals, all of whom are faculty and practitioners of Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences.

In this case, the Medical Examiners Panel's Chairman, Lawrence D. Budnick, MD, Director of Occupational Medicine Service and Associate Professor of Medicine, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, requested a medical specialist to perform a chart review and to make findings and recommendations regarding appellant's medical fitness for the job in question.

The report by the Medical Examiners Panel discusses all submitted evaluations. The Panel, based on the evaluation of submitted information and the

medical consultant's review, found, with a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that the appellant has a significant cardiac disease, impairment and functional limitation that would limit his ability to perform the essential functions of or cause a direct threat to himself or others as a Police Officer. Therefore, it recommended that the appellant's name be removed from the eligible list.

Having considered the record and the Medical Examiners Panel's report and recommendation issued thereon and having made an independent evaluation of same, the Civil Service Commission accepted and adopted the findings and conclusions as contained in the attached medical Examiners Panel's report and recommendation.

## **ORDER**

The Civil Service Commission finds that the appointing authority has met its burden of proof that J. A. C. is not medically fit to perform effectively the duties of the title and, therefore, the Commission orders that his name be removed from the subject eligible list.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in a judicial forum.

DECISION RENDERED BY THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016

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