## THE CCSF PERSONNEL SYSTEM

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## Components of the City's Personnel System

- Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (MMBA) - State law establishing the right of government employees to unionize and requiring employers to meet and confer with unions over wages, hours and working conditions. The Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) enforces MMBA. The CCSF has Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) labor agreements between the City and its labor unions.
- The City and County Charter and San Francisco Municipal Code - establishes the authority of various agencies and includes provisions on employment and benefits.
- Ordinances - including the Annual Appropriation Ordinance, Annual Salary Ordinance (position authority) and the Employee Relations Ordinance (Memorandums of Understanding with unions and other provisions of the MMBA) passed by the Board of Supervisors or voters.
- Other state and federal laws that govern personnel/employment matters including the Fair Labor Standards Act, California Family Rights Act/Family Medical Leave Act, Workers' Compensation Laws, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and dozens of other laws pertaining to personnel.


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- The CCSF Department of Human Resources (DHR) - issues policies and procedures interpreting and implementing the Civil Service Rules, MOU provisions, etc. The Charter designates DHR as the central personnel department for the CCSF with responsibility for the management and administration of all personnel matters, "including, but not limited to, authority to recruit, select, certify, appoint, train, evaluate, promote career development, classify positions, administer salaries, administer employee discipline, discharge, and other personnel activities." Essentially, DHR implements merit system provisions and Civil Service Commission Rules.
- City Departments and Department Heads: The Administrative Code Section 2A. 30 generally outlines a Department Head's responsibility as the "appointing officer" for hiring, disciplining and removing employees of the department as necessary to carry out the mission of the department for which he or she is responsible. Although DHR sets City-wide human resources policies and procedures, many of the City's larger departments (including Public Health) have their own decentralized human resources staff who are responsible for personnel and payroll matters of the department in accordance with DHR's established policies and procedures.


## Civil Service Commission

- The Commission was established by the electorate in 1900 in response to widespread corruption. The "Merit System" was created to ensure selection and promotion of employees are conducted in a fair, impartial, competitive manner.
- Five members appointed by the Mayor for six-year terms including at least 2 women. Except for the purpose of inquiry, the Mayor shall deal with the administration of the civil service merit system solely through the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission or their designees. The Mayor shall not dictate, suggest or interfere with the merit system activities of the Civil Service Commission or Human Resources Department

| $\frac{\text { Civil Service Commission }}{\text { Scott R. Heldfond, President }}$ |
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| E. Dennis Normandy, Vice President |
| Douglas S. Chan, Commissioner |
| Kate Favetti, Commissioner |
| Gina Roccanova, Commissioner |

## The Civil Service Rules - 22 Series, Four Volumes

| Civil Service Commission Rules 1996 Edition |  | Civil Service Commission - Year 2000 Edition Rules |  |  |  |
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| Rule Number and Title |  | Volume I <br> Miscellaneous Classes | Volume II Uniformed Ranks of the SFPD | Volume III Uniformed Ranks of the SFFD | Volume IV MTA Service-Critical |
|  | Rules Amendment Guide - Information on Rules changes, deletions and additions | Rule Amendment Control Sheet | Rule Amendment Control Sheet | Rule Amendment Control Sheet | Rule Amendment Control Sheet |
| Rule 1 | Authority and Purpose | Rule 101 | Rule 201 | Rule 301 | Rule 401 |
| Rule 2 | Definitions | Rule 102 | Rule 202 | Rule 302 | Rule 402 |
| Rule 3 | Equal Employment Opportunity | Rule 103 | Rule 203 | Rule 303 | Rule 403 |
| Rule 4 | Administration | Rule 104 | Rule 204 | Rule 304 | Rule 404 |
| Rule 5 | Meetings and Hearings of the Commission | Rule 105 | Rule 205 | Rule 305 | Rule 405 |
| Rule 6 | TWU Trust Fund | Rule 106 | Blank | Blank | Rule 406 |
| Rule 7 | Rules Related to the Employee Relations Ordinance | Rule 107 | Rule 207 | Rule 307 | Rule 407 |
| Rule 8 | Blank | Blank | Blank | Blank | Blank |
| Rule 9 | Position Classification | Rule 109 | Rule 209 | Rule 309 | Rule 409 |
| Rule 10 | Examination Announcements and Applicants | Rule 110 | Rule 210 | Rule 310 | Rule 410 |
| Rule 11 | Examinations | Rule 111 | Rule 211 | Rule 311 | Rule 411 |
| Rule 12 | Eligible Lists | Rule 112 | Rule 212 | Rule 312 | Rule 412 |
| Rule 13 | Certification of Eligibles | Rule 113 | Rule 213 | Rule 313 | Rule 413 |
| Rule 14 | Appointments | Rule 114 | Rule 214 | Rule 314 | Rule 414 |
| Rule 15 | Rules Related to the Employment of Persons with Disabilities | Rule 115 | Rule 215 | Rule 315 | Rule 415 |
| Rule 16 | Medical Examinations | Rule 116 | Rule 216 | Rule 316 | Rule 416 |
| Rule 17 | Probationary Period | Rule 117 | Rule 217 | Rule 317 | Rule 417 |
| Rule 18 | Conflict of Interest | Rule 118 | Rule 218 | Rule 318 | Rule 418 |
| Rule 19 | Resignation | Rule 119 | Rule 219 | Rule 319 | Rule 419 |
| Rule 20 | Leaves of Absence | Rule 120 | Rule 220 | Rule 320 | Rule 420 |
| Rule 21 | Layoff | Rule 121 | Rule 221 | Rule 321 | Rule 421 |
| Rule 22 | Employee Separation Procedures | Rule 122 | Rule 222 | Rule 322 | Rule 422 |

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- Civil Service Rules - Rules adopted by the Commission governing the merit system including but not limited to detailed procedures on examinations, appointments, status and status rights, probationary periods (but not duration), appeals, classifications, certifications, leaves of absence, fitness for duty, layoffs and dismissals, allegations of discrimination or otherwise prohibited nepotism or favoritism. There are four volumes of rules covering miscellaneous employees. Under the Charter, the Commission is "charged with the duty of providing qualified persons for appointment to the service of the City and County."
- A separate personnel requisition is required for each permanent position to be filled; group personnel requisitions may only be made for temporary positions, generally as needed or seasonal and exempt from civil service. (Rule 113.9.2) Temporary requisitions are rarely used for civil service appointments.
- The process of referring the names of persons who have standing on the eligible list to a department is called the "Certification of Eligibles" for civil service appointment. Only "reachable" eligibles will be certified (referred) to a department for consideration, as determined by the certification rule specified on the examination announcement.


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- Selection from Eligible Lists must conform to merit system rules and policies- the selected individual must be an eligible who is reachable (per the Certification Rule); and the department must use uniform, non-discriminatory, merit-based selection procedures that have been documented.
- Unless the union representing the class agrees to an alternate certification rule, the default is Rule of Three Scores for most classes. This means that DHR will certify to the appointing officer the names of the eligibles within the three highest scores for consideration in filling a vacant position.
- Applicant can appeal a decision on examinations or tests, personal service contracts, classifications, etc.
- The Civil Service Commission determines whether the circumstance pertaining to the need to provide services in a particular situation(s) warrants the use of a personal services contract or contractors in lieu of civil service employees.

As a result of all of these influences, our process for filling positions is a complex series of steps including Civil Service rules, Union Agreements, and internal practices. Our process is hard to see but always there like the pipes behind the wall.

## BY THE NUMBERS

## DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES 2013

## 7059 Total Employees in Department

18 Unrepresented employees including Health Commission
3863 Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021 miscellaneous
1140 SEIU Local 1021 Staff - PCS RNs who also have P103 appt.
503 SEIU Local 1021 staff - Only P103 appt.
123 Municipal Executive Association
606 Local 21, International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers
131 Supervising Nurses
272 Union of American Physicians and Dentists
66 Transport Workers Union Local 250-A
56 International Union of Operating \& Stationary Engineers, Local 39
27 Carpenters; Electricians; Local 853, Laborers; Plumbers;
230 SEIU Committee of Interns and Residents
24 Teamsters Local 856

## VOLUMES OF WORK

Recent 2303 PCA exam....

| Applications |
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| received: 728 |
| Qualified for exam: |
| 462 |
| Not qualified: 266 |
| Appealed: 21 |
| Exam sessions |
| held: 9 |

FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013

| 1,134 NEW HIRES |
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| 869 SEPARATIONS |
| 395 RECRUITMENTS |

113 ELIGIBLE LISTS (DPH)
185 EXAM
ANNOUNCEMENTS (DPH)

July 1, 2013 - Dec 30, 2013

## 676 NEW HIRES

311 SEPARATIONS

241 RECRUITMENTS
113 ELIGIBLE LISTS (DPH)
99 EXAM
ANNOUNCEMENTS (DPH)

The result of all of these complex and cumbersome rules, regulations, policies, procedures, and processes result in...

## MANAGER'S SAYING <br> MANAGER'S WANTING

Slow requisition processing, 1.5 years in some cases

Ambiguous poorly understood processes

Current status of requisitions difficult to determine

Customer service unreliable, including lack of consistent answers

Applicants not consistently top tier
Reduce wasted time, reduce complexity, standardize process

Clarify and communicate processes

Develop dashboards and metrics for easy status updates

Increase customer service focus, create standardized references

Improve screening processes and recruitment

## EXPECTATIONS ARE RISING

- On an individual level, the problem is that many people aren't into the idea of continuous improvement. They've been here for 10 or 15 years - but instead of having 15 years of experience, they really only have one year of experience repeated 15 times.
- Someone who was very competent in yesterday's world may no longer be competent in today's world.
- We tend to get what we expect-both from ourselves and from others. When we expect more, we tend to get more; when we expect less, we tend to get less.
- It's hard to hold someone accountable if they aren't clear as to what the expectations are.


## Our Focus going Forward

- The passion for improvement - urgency
- A passion for serving others - customer focus
- Vision and Strategy
- Communication
- Structure and process that enables flow and reduces waste - alignment
- Value stream focus on improvement
- Quality, Speed, Cost
- Measure - Quantify



## Value Stream Mapping Current State

