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The Honorable Bryce Edgmon
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Re: Alaska Correctional Officer Association Monetary Terms

Dear Speaker Edgmon:

Administrative Order 356 and AS 23.40.215 of the Public Employment Relations Act (AS 23.40.070-260) require the Department of Law to report on the monetary terms of an agreement reached with an employee organization. Please accept the attached memorandum summarizing the monetary terms of the 2026 wage reopener interest arbitration award for the Alaska Correctional Officer Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement (Effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027).

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. COX
ATTORNEY GENERAL

By: /s/ Rachel Witty
Rachel Witty
Civil Division Director

Enclosures

cc: Lacey Sanders, Director of the Office of Management and Budget

BEFORE THE ARBITRATOR

In the Matter of the Arbitration
of a Dispute Between

STATE OF ALASKA

and

Stanley H. Michelstetter, Arbitrator
FMCS case no. 240904-09616

ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS
ASSOCIATION

Appearances:

Clark Baird Smith LLP, Roxana Underwood and Robert Smith, appeared on behalf of the State.

Sedor Wendlandt Evans & Filippi, Clint Campion, appeared on behalf of the Union.

SUPPLEMENTAL INTEREST ARBITRATION AWARD

The State of Alaska (herein "State" and the Alaska Correctional Officers Association (herein "Association") previously jointly selected the Undersigned from a panel of arbitrators provided by the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service on October 7, 2024, to serve as the impartial arbitrator to hear and decide the interest arbitration dispute over their July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2027, collective bargaining agreement occurring pursuant to AS 23.40.200(b). The undersigned issued an Award dated December 24, 2024, which resolved wages for the first two years of the agreement, and included a reopener for the sole purpose of negotiating wage adjustments to be effective July 1, 2026. The Arbitrator retained jurisdiction to resolve the wage reopener issue if necessary.

The parties were unable to resolve the wage issue during their reopener negotiations and subsequently consented to mediation/arbitration. The arbitrator having considered decisional standards commonly used in interest arbitration and concluded that the following is consistent with them, it is ordered as follows:

AWARD

1. Add the following new language to Article 21, Wages, Section 21.1 Wage Adjustments, and delete reference to the reopener:


Effective July 1, 2026, or prospectively beginning in the next pay period following receipt of the necessary legislative approval, whichever is latest, the wage scale in effect on July 1, 2025 shall increase by Five percent (5%), by an additional Two percent (2%) on December 31, 2026, and by an additional One percent (1%) on June 30, 2027.

2. The Arbitrator retains jurisdiction for the sole purpose of deciding on or before May 1, 2027, the issue over whether to include the COLA bracket formula proposal of the State to be included effective July 1, 2026.

3. Should the Arbitrator award the COLA Bracket Formula described in Paragraph 2, above, it is understood that the percentage amounts described in Paragraph 1 are inclusive of the COLA Bracket Formula referred to in Paragraph 2. There shall be no additional increase or decrease in the event the Arbitrator awards the COLA Bracket Formula in this 2024 - 2027 Agreement.¹

This award is conditional upon approval by the Alaska Legislature.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 2025.


Stanley H. Michelstetter
Arbitrator

¹ The Arbitrator encourages the parties to discuss any other issues that may exist during the labor management committee meeting process.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

between the

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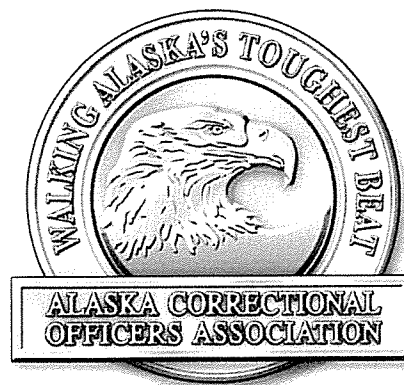


and the

ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

representing the

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS BARGAINING UNIT



July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement is made by and between the State of Alaska and the Alaska Correctional Officers Association (ACOA), covering the Correctional Officers Bargaining Unit (COBU). This Agreement has as its purpose the following: to promote harmonious, cooperative relations, to strengthen the merit principle, to establish a rational method for dealing with disputes, and to determine wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment for the COBU.

ARTICLE 1 - ASSOCIATION RECOGNITION AND REPRESENTATION

1.1 Exclusive Recognition

The State of Alaska, hereinafter referred to as the Employer, recognizes Alaska Correctional Officers Association (hereinafter referred to as Association) as the exclusive representative of all permanent, probationary, and provisional employees in the COBU for collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment. Unless otherwise specified, the terms Bargaining Unit Member(s), employee(s), and Correctional Officer(s), as used in this Agreement, synonymously apply to all Correctional Officers I, II, III, IV.

1.2 New or Changed Classifications

- A. All new positions and classifications created by the Employer shall be placed in the appropriate bargaining unit, consistent with Alaska Labor Relations Agency (ALRA) rulings. All disputes concerning the appropriate bargaining unit placement of a person employed by the Employer shall be decided by the ALRA and no such question shall be subject to the grievance procedure set forth in this Agreement.
- B. The Association shall be notified of all new job classifications created within ten (10) working days of such action. The notification shall include the specifications of the job classifications.
- C. No position shall be removed from the COBU to a different bargaining unit without written notification to the Association concurrent with the notification to the ALRA. If the Association does not file a written petition with the ALRA challenging the proposed bargaining unit transfer within thirty (30) calendar days of the notification to the Association, the Employer is free to take the proposed action. The Employer may change a vacant position to a bargaining unit outside the COBU, and the Association shall be notified concurrently with such action.
- D. For the purposes of this section, date of notification is the date of receipt by certified mail, or five (5) days following the date of postmark, whichever is earlier.

1.3 Exclusive Representation

The Employer will not negotiate or handle grievances with any individual or employee organization other than an Association approved representative with respect to terms and

conditions of employment of Bargaining Unit Members in the COBU. When individuals or organizations other than the Association request negotiations or seek to represent Bargaining Unit Members in grievances or to otherwise represent Bargaining Unit Members in employer/employee matters, the Employer shall advise them that the Association is the exclusive representative for such matters. Similarly, the Association will so advise individuals or organizations making such requests.

1.4 Review of Individual Positions

The procedures in this Section shall be the sole and exclusive method for settling any dispute concerning classification matters. A Bargaining Unit Member may obtain a review of the classification of his/her position in the following manner:

- A. The Association shall submit a request for review, including that portion of a position description (PD) completed by the Bargaining Unit Member, to the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations. The parties are encouraged to resolve the dispute at the lowest level possible and/or submit an updated PD for review through the normal procedures, and the Association will make reasonable efforts to do so before involving the Division of Personnel & Labor Relations.
- B. The completed PD will be reviewed in conjunction with existing class specifications for proper classification. Not later than sixty (60) calendar days following receipt of the request the Director of the Division of Personnel & Labor Relations shall submit a written analysis to the Association.
- C. If the Director of Personnel & Labor Relations fails to respond within sixty (60) calendar days, or within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of the Director's recommendation, the Association may advance the request to the Commissioner of the Department of Administration within ten (10) working days of the due date.
- D. Upon receiving the Association's written request, the Commissioner of the Department of Administration shall review the PD in conjunction with the existing class specifications for proper allocation and the Commissioner of the Department of Administration shall render a decision and notify both the Director and the Association within sixty (60) calendar days.
- E. If a position is reclassified to a higher range, the effective date of the reclassification shall be the date the Association's request for review was received by the Director of the Division of Personnel & Labor Relations.
- F. A single position may only be reviewed once under this Section during the life of this Agreement, and only if that position has not already been reviewed by Classification within the twelve months preceding the request.

ARTICLE 2 - ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 Professional Association Staff Representatives

Professional Association Representatives who are not employees of the State shall be authorized to speak for the Association in all matters governed by this Agreement and shall be permitted to visit any work area at any time with prior approval of the Superintendent or facility manager or designee. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Professional Association Representatives shall hereinafter be known and referred to as "Association Officials." Any Association Official permitted to visit a work area shall meet all applicable security clearance requirements. The Association shall provide a list of Association Officials to the Department of Corrections' Human Resource Manager with a copy to the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations of the Department of Administration, whenever the list of Association Officials changes.

2.2 Officer Representatives

- A. The Association may authorize a reasonable number of Officer Representatives upon written notice to the Employer. The number of Representatives shall not exceed two (2) per shift at any facility. Officer Representatives include Association Board Members and Shift Representatives. The Employer has no obligation to ensure that there are two (2) Officer Representatives assigned to each shift at any facility.
- B. Officer Representatives shall be allowed to handle grievances and/or disputes under this Agreement during working hours. Officer Representatives shall suffer no loss in compensation for time spent handling grievances and/or disputes for up to nine (9) hours per month per representative. All time spent shall be recorded on an Employer form, which clearly identifies the activities as release time. Additional time may be approved pursuant to the Association Leave Bank. Release from work to perform representative functions will not be unreasonably denied. Association Board Members shall not be denied Business Leave to attend up to four two day Board meetings per year.
- C. The confidentiality of Officer Representative discussions with Bargaining Unit Member(s) regarding contractual or disciplinary issues shall be respected, except when an Officer Representative has information of a criminal nature. Officer Representatives shall not be asked or compelled to disclose information gained while acting in their capacity as an Officer Representative unless it involves knowledge of criminal misconduct.
- D. Twice per year and whenever there is a change to the roster, the Association shall provide a list of Officer Representatives to the Department of Corrections' Human Resource Manager with a copy to the Department of Administration, Division of Personnel and Labor Relations. Only those individuals on the Association list shall be entitled to rights described in this Section.
- E. For purposes of layoff of positions in the Bargaining Unit, Representatives listed in "D" above shall head the seniority list.

2.3 Meeting Space

Appropriate available meeting space in buildings owned or leased by the Employer may be used for Association meetings provided that a request is approved in advance by the Superintendent, facility manager, or designee. Requests will not be unreasonably denied.

2.4 Bulletin Boards and E-mail

The Employer agrees to furnish space for bulletin boards in the facilities to be used by the Association for the posting of notices pertaining to Association business. A courtesy copy of each filing shall be supplied to the superintendent at the time of posting. The parties agree that materials which are obscene, defamatory or impair the operation of the Department or which constitute partisan political material shall not be posted. The Association shall have the right to use Employer electronic mail, in accordance with State of Alaska Technology Policy (subject to change), in order to disseminate Association information within the Bargaining Unit. The Association and its Bargaining Unit Members shall not use the Employer's electronic mail for internal Association political campaigns or election activities. The Association shall have the right to use Employer electronic mail for Association/Employer communications.

ARTICLE 3 - ASSOCIATION SECURITY

3.1 Noninterference

The Employer agrees that it will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, attempt to interfere with the lawful relationship between any Bargaining Unit Member and the Association. It will not in any manner attempt to restrain any Bargaining Unit Member from belonging to the Association or from taking an active part in Association affairs, and it will not discriminate against any Bargaining Unit Member because of Association membership or activity, upholding Association principles, or working under the instruction of the Association or serving on a committee, provided that such activity is not contrary to this Agreement.

3.2 Payroll Deductions

- A. Upon receipt by the Employer of a check-off authorization dated and executed by the employee, the Employer shall twice monthly deduct from the employee's wages one-half the amount of the Association membership dues owed for that month. The Employer will forward the monies so deducted to the Association together with a list of employees from whose wages such monies were deducted not later than the tenth (10th) day of the following calendar month. The Employer shall deduct from an employee's wages only that amount of money, which the Association Business Manager has certified in writing is the amount of the twice-monthly dues. The Association Business Manager shall notify the Director of the Division of Labor Relations in writing of any increase or decrease in authorized dues at least sixty (60) days prior to the effective date of a rate change.
- B. If, for any payroll period in which the Employer is obligated to make deductions pursuant to this section, the wages owed by an employee after mandatory deductions

are less than the authorized dues to be deducted pursuant to this Article, the Employer shall make no deduction from wages owed the employee for that payroll period.

- C. Payroll deduction authorizations for dues may be canceled by the employee upon written notice to the Association, who shall notify the Employer.

3.3 Information Supplied to the Association

- A. The Employer shall provide the Association with a current list of employees once per pay period at no cost to the Association. This list shall include the employee's name, employee identification number, position control number (PCN), organizational routing code, location, termination date or last date in pay status if applicable. The list will also itemize and show any regular deductions made and forwarded to the Association.
- B. Once each month, the Employer shall furnish to the Association without cost a report showing all personnel transactions adding to or deleting employees from the Bargaining Unit.
- C. The Association specifically agrees that all information provided by the Employer under this Section shall be used only for purposes related to the Association's role as the exclusive bargaining representative and that the Association shall be responsible for the protection and security of information provided. The Association shall assume liability that may result from any improper disclosure or use by the Association of information provided.

3.4 Indemnification of the Employer

The Association shall defend, indemnify, and save the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, grievances, or any other liability (including attorneys' fees incurred by the Employer) that arise out of or by reason of actions taken by the Employer pursuant to this Article, except those actions caused by the Employer's negligence.

ARTICLE 4 - MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

Except – and only to the extent – that specific provisions of this Agreement expressly provide otherwise, it is hereby mutually agreed that the Employer has, and will continue to retain, regardless of the frequency of exercise, rights to operate and manage its affairs in each and every respect. Nothing in this Article shall be considered as superseding those rights granted to the Association in the Articles and/or Amendments of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5 - NO STRIKE OR LOCKOUT

The Association agrees that during the life of this Agreement, the Association, its Agents or its Bargaining Unit Members, will not authorize, instigate, aid, engage in any work stoppage or concerted slowdown, mass illness, refusal to work, picketing of a correctional work site or strike against the Employer. The Employer agrees that during the life of this

Agreement, there shall be no lockout. The Association further agrees that its Bargaining Unit Members shall cross the picket line of any other employee organization in order to perform duties as assigned.

ARTICLE 6 - NONDISCRIMINATION AND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

6.1 Nondiscrimination

Neither party will unlawfully discriminate against any Bargaining Unit Member for purposes of selection, hire, promotion, or other conditions of employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, physical handicap, marital status, change in marital status, sexual orientation, pregnancy, parenthood, Association activity, political affiliation, or political belief.

6.2 Disputes

The Association agrees that its Bargaining Unit Members have the right to utilize the Employer's Internal Discrimination Complaint Procedure, but that it does not supersede the provisions of the grievance-arbitration procedures of this Agreement.

6.3 Affirmative Action

- A. The Employer shall post copies of affirmative action plans and programs on the State of Alaska website.
- B. The parties recognize that the subject of affirmative action and progress toward affirmative action goals is an appropriate subject for Labor-Management committee meetings.

ARTICLE 7 - LABOR-MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

7.1 Purpose

The purpose of Labor-Management committees is to facilitate communication between the parties and to promote a climate conducive to constructive Employer/Employee relations.

7.2 Corrections Labor-Management Committee (Corrections LMC)

- A. A joint Corrections LMC shall be established at the Department level.
- B. The Employer and the Association shall each appoint three LMC Members to the Corrections LMC. Additional LMC Members may be appointed by mutual consent of both parties.
- C. The Corrections LMC shall meet quarterly or as needed. Time spent in meetings (including actual necessary travel time) shall neither be charged to personal leave nor be considered as overtime worked. Each party shall be responsible for all other costs, including travel and per diem, incident to the participation of its appointees.

- D. The Corrections LMC shall have no power to contravene any provision of this Agreement, to enter into any agreements binding the parties, or to resolve issues or disputes surrounding the implementation or interpretation of the Agreement. Matters requiring a contract modification shall not be implemented until the Association and the Employer have executed a written Letter of Agreement.
- E. No discussion or review of any matter by the Corrections LMC shall forfeit or affect the time frames of any dispute resolution procedure contained in this Agreement. Issues that should be resolved through such procedures shall be referred to and handled pursuant to that procedure. Matters, which have been submitted to any formal dispute procedure or which are in litigation, shall not be discussed.
- F. If Labor-Management training is offered by the Employer, it shall be provided to all the members of the Corrections LMC at no cost.

7.3 Establishment of Additional Committees

Other joint Labor-Management committees may be established by written agreement of the parties as appropriate to discuss matters of mutual interest. Agreements establishing committees shall be entered into by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration and the Association.

ARTICLE 8 - PHYSICAL FITNESS TESTING

The parties recognize the need for Correctional Officers to maintain the physical capacity to perform the essential functions of their positions. The parties shall meet in a Corrections LMC to formulate recommendations regarding physical fitness testing, screening, and ways to facilitate employee fitness.

ARTICLE 9 - EMPLOYMENT STATUS

9.1 Appointments

- A. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, all appointments to positions in the Bargaining Unit shall be consistent with the Personnel Rules in effect at the time of the appointments.
- B. No provision of this Agreement shall be construed to interfere with the rights of injured workers pursuant to AS 39.25.158 and AS 23.40.075.

9.2 Probationary Period

- A. The probationary period shall be regarded as part of the examination process that shall be utilized for closely observing the employee's work and adjustment to the position. Employees who, in the judgment of the Employer, have satisfactorily passed the probationary period shall be retained and given permanent status in the job class

at the end of the probationary period. Employees who, in the judgment of the Employer, have not or will not satisfactorily pass the probationary period shall not be retained in the job class.

B. Duration

1. The probationary period for Correctional Officers I and for all Correctional Officers II, III, and IV who are hired without a current APSC certification shall be the length of time required to receive APSC certification. Pay increases resulting from APSC Certification shall be retroactive to the date the individual met their certification prerequisites and turned in a complete and correct F-7.
2. The probationary period for Correctional Officers II who have a current APSC certification upon promotion or appointment to the Correctional Officer II classification shall be six (6) months.
3. The probationary period for Correctional Officers III and IV who have a current APSC certification (or who are covered by the grandfather provision of APSC) upon promotion or appointment to the Correctional Officer III or IV classification shall be one (1) year.

C. Employees returning from layoff to the same job class or lower job class shall not be subject to the probationary period except to complete any incomplete probationary period.

9.3 Permanent Status

A. Permanent status in State service shall be attained with satisfactory completion of the initial probationary period. Non-retention during the initial probationary period shall not be subject to the grievance-arbitration procedure established in Article 16.

B. There shall be a probationary period following initial appointment to any job class as provided above. Permanent status in the job class shall be obtained on the day following satisfactory completion of the probationary period unless an employee has been, in accordance with other provisions of this Agreement:

1. Separated;
2. Demoted during the probationary period;
3. Extended in the probationary period; or
4. Notified in writing by the appointing authority prior to the completion of the probationary period that the employee will not successfully complete the probationary period.

C. Every effort shall be made to notify the Bargaining Unit Member that the probationary

period will not be successfully completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to its expiration. Whatever the reason, failure to give fourteen (14) days' notice does not mean that the Bargaining Unit Member gains permanent status thereby.

9.4 Rehire

- A. An employee who separates from a job class in good standing while holding a permanent appointment may be appointed without examination or certification in the same class of position provided such reappointment: 1) takes place within one (1) year from the employee's date of separation from the job class and 2) that the employee holds a current APSC certification as a Correctional Officer at the time of appointment.
- B. Retired Correctional Officers returning under provisions of AS 39.35.150 shall begin seniority upon rehire.

9.5 Demotion

- A. Involuntary Demotion for Cause: The Employer may demote an employee holding permanent status in the job class from which demoted only for just cause. The demoted employee shall be furnished with a statement in writing setting forth reasons for the demotion.
- B. Involuntary Demotion for Failure to Complete a Probationary Period: An employee holding permanent status in a job class but serving a new probationary period in a job class may be demoted after notice of unsatisfactory performance without right of appeal of the demotion under Article 16. Every effort shall be made to notify the employee that the probationary period will not be successfully completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to its expiration. Whatever the reason, failure to give fourteen (14) days' notice does not mean that the employee gains permanent status thereby.
- C. Voluntary Demotion from Correctional Officer III or IV: An employee holding permanent status as a Correctional Officer III may request a voluntary demotion to a Correctional Officer II. An employee holding permanent status as a Correctional Officer IV may request a voluntary demotion to either a Correctional Officer III or II. The employee shall retain permanent status in the lower class.
- D. Demotion Through Reclassification: An employee whose position is reclassified from a Correctional Officer IV to a Correctional Officer III/II or from a Correctional Officer III to a Correctional Officer II and who receives a demotion as a result thereof shall be paid in accordance with Article 21.13 and the employee's status shall remain unchanged.
- E. Demotion in Lieu of Layoff: An employee who accepts a demotion from Correctional Officer IV to a Correctional Officer III/II or from a Correctional Officer III to Correctional Officer II in lieu of layoff will be subject to the provisions of Section 9.5.C. Such an employee retains primary layoff rights in the class from which he/she accepted demotion.

9.6 Resignation

- A. Resignation from State Service: An employee may resign from the State by presenting the resignation in writing to the employee's first (1st) level supervisor outside the Bargaining Unit. To resign in good standing the employee must give the supervisor at least fourteen (14) days' notice. After such resignation has been presented it may be withdrawn only by written mutual agreement of the parties.

- B. Resignation from a Position: A Bargaining Unit Member may resign from a position to accept appointment to another position in the classified service by submitting written notice to the Bargaining Unit Member's first (1st) level supervisor outside the Bargaining Unit. After such resignation has been presented it may be withdrawn only by written mutual agreement of the parties.

9.7 Seniority

A. Bargaining Unit Seniority:

- 1. Employees whose last date of permanent hire in a classification covered by this Agreement was prior to January 1, 1999: The Bargaining Unit Member having the longest term of State service shall be considered number one and all other Bargaining Unit Members shall be listed accordingly.

- 2. Employees who were hired after December 31, 1998: Bargaining Unit seniority shall be based on the Bargaining Unit Member's cumulative permanent employment in a classification covered by COBU Agreements (Correctional Officers I, II, III, and IV). The Bargaining Unit Member with the longest cumulative service in a classification covered in COBU Agreements shall be listed highest, and all other Bargaining Unit Members shall be listed accordingly. The Bargaining Unit Members on this list shall have bargaining unit seniority that is subordinate to those meeting the requirements of the above paragraph. Any Bargaining Unit Member shall be given seniority credit for all previous years of State service as a COBU Member upon hire into this Bargaining Unit, except as provided in subsection D of this Article. The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall quarterly prepare and post the appropriate Bargaining Unit seniority list online.

B. Breaking of Seniority Ties: Should it become necessary to break identical Bargaining Unit seniority dates, the following method will be utilized:

FIRST: Total permanent/probationary State service. If a tie still exists, then

SECOND: Random drawing of names involved by the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations.

C. Impact of Seniority: Seniority shall not have any impact on the accrual of leave or other benefits accorded all Bargaining Unit Members.

D. Termination of Seniority:

1. Accumulated seniority shall be lost upon:
 - a. Discharge.
 - b. Failure to accept and report for duty within forty-five (45) days after notification of recall from layoff.
 - c. Non-retention during the initial probationary period.
2. Seniority shall not be interrupted by:
 - a. Periods of approved leave.
 - b. Occupational Disability Retirement.

9.8 Transfers

A. Application for transfer list

1. Except as noted herein, C.O. II vacancies will be filled by transfer and shall be posted online for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days. Posting will include a statement of closing date and time. Upon posting, the Association will be notified.
2. Current Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC) certified or grandfathered C.O. IIs, IIIs, and IVs may only apply for transfer to posted vacancies online or by mail.
3. Mailed requests shall be sent to the Division of Personnel and must be postmarked by the closing date and time.
4. The Division of Personnel shall provide a list of valid transfer candidates to the hiring manager.
5. The list may be used only for the posted vacancy.
6. Bargaining Unit Members who apply for openings using the transfer list shall not need to complete a formal job application.
7. If applying for a lower job class, upon acceptance into the vacancy, the Bargaining Unit Member will take a voluntary demotion.

B. Working Transfer Lists

1. Except as provided for in this Article, the most senior Bargaining Unit Member on the transfer list based on the most current quarterly seniority list shall be selected to fill the position posted for transfer. Should any Bargaining Unit Member choose not to accept the awarded position, the Bargaining Unit Member will be disqualified from consideration for transfer for one calendar year from the date of refusal. In the event a Bargaining Unit Member cannot accept the transfer he or she has been awarded, he or she may request a waiver of the one-year refusal

penalty from the Division Director. Waivers of the refusal penalty will be granted at the Director's sole discretion.

2. For C.O. III and C.O. IV vacancies, the hiring manager may elect to work a transfer list or the competitive list or both concurrently.
3. All initial assignments and transfer assignments will require the employee to remain working at their assigned institution for a period of no less than two (2) years.
4. If the hiring manager does not desire to use the transfer process, he or she must notify the Director. The waiver shall be granted at his or her sole discretion in writing and his or her decision is final. A copy of the waiver request shall be sent to the Association.
5. An employee may be provided Administrative Leave or per diem in accordance with the Alaska Administrative Manual to facilitate the move in cases of special need or extenuating circumstances, as deemed appropriate by the Department of Corrections.

C. Special Circumstances

1. A vacancy that is to be filled must be offered by order of seniority to laid off Bargaining Unit Member(s) in the job class.
2. Hiring managers may choose to fill vacancies through voluntary demotion rather than a transfer without first working the transfer list.
3. The Director of Institutions may:
 - a. Limit the names considered to a specific vacancy when the hiring facility is in need of a Bargaining Unit Member such as a certified Prisoner Transportation Officer or has specific gender needs. Specific gender needs must be approved by the Division of Personnel prior to Director approval.
 - b. Fill a vacant position through hardship transfer in accordance with past practice.
 - c. Consider the staffing and experience levels of the involved institutions.
 - d. Direct an appointment to a vacant position pursuant to rights or obligations under this agreement, arbitration rulings, or statutes.
 - e. Maintain the authority to suspend or waive the transfer policy whenever necessary.

- D. The transfer policy set forth in Article 9.8 does not apply to Correctional Officers I when initially hired.

ARTICLE 10 - LAYOFF

10.1 Reasons for Layoff

The Employer may lay off a Bargaining Unit Member who holds a substitute appointment when the incumbent returns to the position, or by reason of abolition of the position, shortage of work or funds or other reasons outside of the Bargaining Unit Member's control which do not reflect discredit on the services of the Bargaining Unit Member.

10.2 Organizational Units

- A. Each Correctional facility is a separate organizational unit. Facilities, which are co-located and report to the same on-site supervisor (e.g. Wildwood), constitute a single organizational unit.
- B. The Training Academy and the Central Office Prisoner Transportation Unit are each a separate organizational unit.

10.3 Order of Layoff

- A. Layoff shall be by order of the least senior Bargaining Unit Member, computed as defined in Article 9.7.
- B. Once the Employer identifies the position it intends to vacate, the following procedure applies:
1. Correctional Officer IV position:
 - a. The C.O. IV with the least layoff seniority in the organizational unit shall be designated for layoff.
 - b. The designated C.O. IV may elect to displace the C.O. III with the least layoff seniority in the organizational unit provided that the C.O. IV has more layoff seniority than the C.O. III. If no filled C.O. III positions exist within the organizational unit or the C.O. IV lacks the qualifications to assume the least senior C.O. III position, the C.O. IV may elect to displace the least senior C.O. II under subsections (d) and (e) below.
 - c. The designated C.O. III may elect to displace the C.O. I/II with the least layoff seniority in the organizational unit provided that the C.O. III has more layoff seniority than the C.O. I/II.
 - d. If the C.O. III or C.O. IV displaces the least senior C.O. I/II in the organizational unit and that C.O. I/II is an initial hire probationary employee, the C.O. I/II will be laid off.

- e. If the C.O. III or C.O. IV displaces the least senior C.O. I/II in the organizational unit and that C.O. I/II is a permanent employee, the C.O. I/II may displace the least senior C.O. I/II in the Department.

2. Correctional Officer III position:

- a. The C.O. III with the least layoff seniority in the organizational unit shall be designated for layoff.
- b. The designated C.O. III may elect to displace the C.O. I/II with the least layoff seniority in the organizational unit provided that the C.O. III has more layoff seniority than the C.O. I/II.
- c. If the C.O. III displaces the least senior C.O. I/II in the organizational unit and that C.O. I/II is an initial hire probationary employee, the C.O. I/II will be laid off.
- d. If the C.O. III displaces the least senior C.O. I/II in the organizational unit and that C.O. I/II is a permanent employee, the C.O. I/II may displace the least senior C.O. I/II in the Department.

3. Correctional Officer I/II position:

- a. The least senior C.O. I/II in the organizational unit shall be designated for layoff.
- b. If the designated C.O. I/II is an initial hire probationary employee, the designated C.O. I/II will be laid off.
- c. If the designated C.O. I/II is a permanent employee, the C.O. I/II may displace the least senior C.O. I/II in the Department.

C. Conditions of Displacement

1. Upon receipt of the layoff notice and the location in which he or she may exercise an election to displace, the Bargaining Unit Member to be laid off shall have ten (10) working days to exercise such election to displace an employee under the provisions set forth above.
2. If a C.O. IV elects to displace a C.O. III or C.O. I/II, he or she shall be placed at the C.O. IV's existing step in the appropriate range and the merit anniversary date shall remain unchanged. Upon recall to the C.O. IV position, the employee's hourly rate shall be adjusted upward, step for step, to the appropriate range.
3. If a C.O. III elects to displace a C.O. I/II, he or she shall be placed at the appropriate range at the C.O. III's existing step and the merit anniversary date shall remain unchanged. Upon recall to C.O. III, the employee's hourly rate shall be adjusted

upward, step for step, to the appropriate range.

4. If a Bargaining Unit Member elects to displace another Bargaining Unit Member and that displacement entails a change of duty station, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be responsible for any travel or moving expenses incurred.

D. The order of layoff shall be:

1. Bargaining Unit Members shall be listed in ascending order of layoff seniority. The Bargaining Unit Member with the least layoff seniority shall be laid off first (1st), the second (2nd) Bargaining Unit Member second (2nd), etc.
2. Ties: If two (2) or more Bargaining Unit Members have identical layoff seniority, the order of layoff shall be determined by the following:
 - a. Veterans' Preference per AS 39.25.150(19): A veteran shall be given preference for the position over a non-veteran.
 - b. Layoff seniority in the class from which laid off.
 - c. If a case cannot be determined by the application of a or b, it shall be at the Employer's discretion to determine which of the two (2) or more Bargaining Unit Members to lay off.

10.4 Notification

- A. In every case of the layoff of a permanent Bargaining Unit Member, the Department shall make every reasonable effort to give written notice to the Bargaining Unit Member at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the effective date of the layoff. The Department shall give at least two (2) weeks written notice.
- B. In every case of the layoff of a probationary Bargaining Unit Member, the Department shall make every reasonable effort to give written notice to the Bargaining Unit Member at least two (2) weeks in advance of the effective date of the layoff.
- C. Division of Personnel and Labor Relations staff shall be available to provide counseling and assistance to affected Bargaining Unit Members. This includes assistance in seeking other employment and advice as to the Bargaining Unit Member's rights and benefits.

10.5 Rights of Laid-off Employees

No provision of this Agreement shall be construed to interfere with the rights of injured workers pursuant to AS 39.25.158 and AS 23.40.075.

A. Recall

1. A laid-off Bargaining Unit Member shall be placed on the layoff recall list. When a hiring list is requested, the one (1) employee highest on the layoff recall list for that organizational unit in the appropriate class (C.O. IV, C.O. III or C.O. I/II) shall be certified for the vacancy.
2. If no organizational unit layoff recall list exists or if such eligible Bargaining Unit Members decline appointment or are not available and the reason for the certification is not because of a reclassification of a filled C.O. I/II flex, the one (1) Bargaining Unit Member highest on the layoff recall list for the Department in that job class shall be certified for the vacancy.
3. The order of return from layoff shall be the reverse order of the layoff seniority. If two (2) or more laid-off Bargaining Unit Members in the same class (C.O. IV, C.O. III or C.O. I/II) have identical layoff seniority, the job will be offered first:
 - a. to the Bargaining Unit Member who has been on layoff the longest; then
 - b. to the Bargaining Unit Member who meets the legal definition of veteran for purposes of veterans' preference.
 - c. In any case which cannot be determined by the application of a and b above, it shall be the Employer's discretion to determine which of the two (2) or more laid-off Bargaining Unit Members to recall.
4. A Bargaining Unit Member may submit a statement restricting the facilities to which the Bargaining Unit Member will be available for recall. The Employer will request information concerning restrictions of availability from each Bargaining Unit Member at the time of layoff.
5. If a Bargaining Unit Member does not file a written statement concerning restrictions of availability, the Employer will place the Bargaining Unit Member on the layoff recall list for the organizational unit from which laid off only.
6. A laid-off Bargaining Unit Member who receives a recall offer consistent with the Bargaining Unit Member's designated conditions of availability must accept that offer or lose all layoff rights.
7. For any recall from layoff, which entails a change of duty station, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be responsible for any travel or moving expenses incurred.

10.6 Termination of Recall Rights

A Bargaining Unit Member's right to be recalled from layoff will terminate when any of the following occur:

- A. The Bargaining Unit Member resigns from State service;

- B. The Bargaining Unit Member fails to accept a recall offer consistent with the Bargaining Unit Member's designated conditions of availability for recall from layoff;
- C. The Bargaining Unit Member has been in layoff status for three (3) years. The recalled Bargaining Unit Member must have a current APSC certification or successfully complete the applicable APSC certification requirements;
- D. The Bargaining Unit Member becomes ineligible for APSC certification;
- E. The Bargaining Unit Member fails to keep the Department notified of a current address and phone number.

ARTICLE 11 - CONTRACTING OUT

11.1 Feasibility Studies

- A. The Employer has the right at all times to analyze its operation for the purpose of identifying cost-saving opportunities.
- B. Decisions to contract out shall be made only after the affected agency has conducted a feasibility study determining the potential costs and benefits, which would result from contracting out the work in question. The Employer agrees to notify the Association within two (2) weeks of its decision to initiate a study, or, in the alternative, that it intends to review operational analyses for purposes of contracting out work. Such operating analyses shall constitute a feasibility study under this Article. Notice to the Association shall include the job classifications and work areas affected. Notification by the Employer to the Association of the results of the feasibility study will include all pertinent statistical and analytical information which the Employer will consider in making its decision regarding contracting out the work, including but not limited to the total cost savings the Employer anticipates.
- C. The Employer shall notify the Association of its final decision regarding contracting out.
- D. If the Employer decides to contract out work that will result in the direct displacement of employees, the Employer shall provide the Association with no less than thirty (30) days' notice that it intends to contract out Bargaining Unit work.
- E. The Association may then submit an alternative plan that is to include potential costs and benefits. The alternate plan will be given fair consideration by the Employer, provided the plan is submitted not more than thirty (30) days after the Association has received the notice of intent to contract out. During this thirty (30) day period, the Association shall have the opportunity to discuss the placement of affected Bargaining Unit Members.

- F. No Bargaining Unit Members shall be laid off and their work contracted out unless the feasibility study shows that contracting out would cost the Employer less.

11.2 Effect on Bargaining Unit Members

Once the Employer makes a decision to contract out work that will result in the direct displacement of Bargaining Unit Members, it will make a good faith effort to place Bargaining Unit Members elsewhere in State government in the following order of priority: 1) within the Department or 2) within State service generally. In the event Bargaining Unit Members must be displaced as a result of contracting out, such displacement shall be made in accordance with the layoff provisions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 12 - INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

12.1 Definitions

- A. Discipline and discharge of permanent employees shall be for just cause. Failure to complete a probationary period does not require just cause and shall not be considered a disciplinary action. Discipline is defined as personnel action against a permanent employee resulting from a just cause finding from the Employer.
- B. Egregious misconduct which may result in immediate discharge includes, but is not limited to, gross disobedience or insubordination, dishonesty, chemical or alcohol intoxication, physical misconduct, criminal conduct, undue familiarity with offender or their families, abusive or lewd behavior, the unauthorized possession, viewing or accessing of pornography or lewd materials at work or on Employer equipment, or abandonment of duties.

12.2 Administrative Investigation

- A. The Bargaining Unit Member shall be entitled to a fair investigation.
- B. When the Employer determines sufficient information exists to warrant a formal investigation, which could result in disciplinary action, the Employer shall provide the Association and Bargaining Unit Member(s) under investigation with a detailed written notice of the specific allegation(s) of misconduct, including the date, time, and location, if known. The Bargaining Unit Member shall have at least five (5) working days to prepare for the interview, unless exigent circumstances exist at which point additional time may be granted. The name of the investigator will be identified in the notification.
- C. Video/Audio recordings – A Bargaining Unit Member who is subject to an investigation may be allowed to privately view the video and/or listen to the audio recording with an Association Representative prior to his or her investigatory interview.
- D. When a written complaint is filed by an inmate or citizen against a Bargaining Unit Member alleging physical assault, sexual misconduct, or other egregious misconduct (as defined by Policy and Procedure), a copy of the complaint or, absent a written complaint, a copy of the written documentation of the complaint by the person who

received it, shall be made available to the subject Bargaining Unit Member with any written allegation of egregious misconduct delivered by the Employer.

- E. A Bargaining Unit Member under investigation is entitled to a representative during Investigative Interviews, if the Bargaining Unit Member so desires. It is solely the responsibility of the Bargaining Unit Member to secure such representation. Neither the Bargaining Unit Member nor the Association may unreasonably delay an investigatory interview in order to obtain the services of a particular Association Representative. Representation may be provided either in person or telephonically.
- F. Pre-imposition Meeting. A final meeting will be offered to the Bargaining Unit Member(s) and his or her Association representative (if requested by the Bargaining Unit Member) after the Employer has made an initial determination that a sanction of a disciplinary suspension of 160 (one hundred sixty) hours or more, demotion for cause, or dismissal is warranted. The purpose of the meeting is to allow the Bargaining Unit Member to provide any extenuating or mitigating circumstances, which he or she believes should be considered prior to the imposition of penalty. Nothing herein prevents a pre-imposition meeting in instances of suspensions less than 160 (one hundred sixty) hours.
- G. Investigatory interviews may be electronically recorded by the Employer and/or the Bargaining Unit Member and his or her representative. If any party records an interview, they shall provide a copy of the recording to the other parties, upon request. If any party has a recording transcribed, a copy of the transcript shall be provided to the other parties, upon request. On request, the Bargaining Unit Member will be provided a copy of the recording or transcription prior to the pre-imposition meeting. The Bargaining Unit Member will be provided a reasonable period of time to review his/her recorded or transcribed statement for factual accuracy. The review time will not exceed 24 hours. Surreptitiously recording interviews will not be permitted.
- H. Bargaining Unit Members participating in investigatory interviews will be ordered to fully cooperate and informed that failure to answer questions directly related to the investigation will result in discipline up to and including dismissal.

12.3 Notice

- A. When a formal investigation is concluded and a course of action determined, the Employer shall promptly notify the Bargaining Unit Member(s) under investigation and the Association. The Employer shall endeavor to provide notice no later than thirty (30) days after the pre-imposition interview. No right to representation exists where the purpose of the meeting is solely to impose discipline based on a previously concluded investigation.
- B. When disciplinary actions are imposed, the Employer will furnish the Association with a copy of the written notification to the Bargaining Unit Member(s). When disciplinary actions are not imposed after an investigatory interview, a copy of the outcome of the investigation will be forwarded to the Association. A copy shall be faxed, e-mailed, or

mailed to the Association offices as soon as practical and mailed to the Association offices promptly thereafter.

- C. A copy of all disciplinary actions, including the evidence supporting each action taken by the Employer against Bargaining Unit Members will be forwarded to the Association.
- D. All suspensions will be scheduled in a timely fashion, subject to emergencies.

12.4 Criminal Investigations

Before the State authorizes and provides for employees of the Department of Corrections to conduct criminal investigations of Department of Corrections' staff, the Employer will notify the Association and meet and confer for the purposes of bargaining the effects of criminal investigations undertaken by the Department of Corrections on Bargaining Unit Members.

ARTICLE 13 - OVERTIME

13.1 Forty-two (42) Hour Schedule

- A. The workweek for Bargaining Unit Members assigned to a forty-two (42) hour schedule shall consist of forty-two (42) hours in pay status within a maximum of seven (7) days allowing for two (2) consecutive days off and all such Bargaining Unit Members shall be guaranteed a full workweek. The furlough provisions of 2 AAC 07.407 do not apply.
- B. Bargaining Unit Members shall receive overtime pay at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times their regular rate of pay for all hours in pay status over the Bargaining Unit Member's normal scheduled workday. Overtime pay or other premium pay shall not be pyramided or duplicated. Hours paid at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) the appropriate rate of pay for any reason shall be credited only once in the calculation of hours in the workweek.

13.2 Eighty-four (84) Hour Schedule

- A. The workweek for Bargaining Unit Members on the twelve (12) hour schedule shall be a fourteen (14) day work period consisting of eighty-four (84) hours in pay status with a maximum of seven (7) working days and seven (7) consecutive days off, and all Bargaining Unit Members shall be guaranteed a full workweek. The furlough provision of 2 AAC 07.407 shall not apply.
- B. Bargaining Unit Members working a twelve (12) hour shift shall receive a one-half hour (thirty minutes) duty-free paid meal period as well as two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid relief breaks. Every effort shall be made to provide a meal break midway through the shift not earlier than the three (3) hours after the start of the shift and not later than three (3) hours prior to the end of the shift. Meal breaks that are not given shall be reported before the end of each shift. If the Bargaining Unit Member does not report

the missed meal break, it will be assumed the break was taken. Missed meal breaks will be treated as time worked and will be paid at the applicable rate.

- C. There shall be two (2) shifts, day and night. Night shift shall receive the swing shift differential set out in Section 21.
- D. Work performed by overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Members in excess of eighty-four (84) hours of work in the work period is overtime and shall be paid at one and one-half (1.5) times the appropriate regular or shift rate of pay. When an overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Member on this schedule works more than thirteen (13) hours within one (1) twenty-four (24) hour period, they shall, retroactive to the twelfth (12th) hour worked, be paid at one and one-half (1.5) times the appropriate regular or shift rate of pay for all hours worked beyond twelve (12) in that 24-hour period. Overtime pay or other premium pay shall not be pyramided or duplicated.
- E. If a holiday falls on the Bargaining Unit Member's regularly scheduled day off, the Bargaining Unit Member shall receive payment for the holiday for eight (8) hours at the straight-time rate provided the Bargaining Unit Member was in pay status for a portion of the last regularly scheduled workday prior to the holiday and in pay status for a portion of the next regularly scheduled workday after the holiday. Such holiday pay does not count for the purpose of computing overtime, nor the purpose of fulfilling the work period.
- F. Every effort will be made to include adjustment(s) for holiday pay in the pay warrant issued for the appropriate pay period. If not possible, the adjustment(s) for holiday pay may appear on the next regularly issued pay warrant for the pay period following the pay period in which the holiday(s) occurred. Penalty pay shall not apply for pay shortages, which result from holiday pay adjustments.
- G. An alternative Straight Day Shift Schedule or Straight Night Shift Schedule:
 - 1. The Superintendent may designate positions on one or more of the four operations shifts (i.e. Shift 1, 2, 3 and/or 4) as working straight days or straight nights under these circumstances:
 - a. The schedule will consist of a fourteen (14) day work period consisting of eighty-four (84) hours in pay status with a maximum of seven (7) consecutive working days and seven (7) consecutive days off, and all employees shall be guaranteed a full workweek.
 - b. Correctional Officers will be placed on either a Straight Day or Straight Night shift schedule only by mutual, voluntary, written agreement of the Correctional Officer and the facility Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee. Correctional Officers may move from Straight Days to Straight Nights, or vice versa, only by mutual, voluntary, written agreement. Correctional Officers may be removed or seek removal from these alternative shift schedules and returned to alternating weeks of days and

nights by mutual, voluntary, written agreement or, if no agreement is forthcoming, by following the shift change considerations in Article 22.2 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- c. Straight Day Shift Schedule or Straight Night Shift Schedule position(s) will be posted for a period of not less than 14 days and offered to volunteers within the facility based on seniority, or an alternative such as a partner system. If there are more volunteers than Straight Day Shift Schedule or Straight Night Shift Schedule positions available at any given institution, each position will be offered to volunteers based on seniority, or based on an alternative such as a partner system. If a Straight Day or Straight Night position becomes vacant at an institution, the institution will solicit volunteers and select the most senior volunteer for the position, or use an alternative such as a partner system. No Officer will be forced to work a straight night or straight day schedule pursuant to this subsection if they did not volunteer for such a schedule.
- d. The Superintendent reserves the right to cancel all straight day/night schedules made under subsection 13.2.G and return all such Correctional Officers to rotating days and nights. If there is an institution-wide cancellation, the affected Bargaining Unit Member(s) will presumptively return to their old shifts or, at the Superintendent's option, those Correctional Officers not returning to their old shifts will be placed on an available shift of their preference in order of seniority. If a cancellation is made under this subsection, there will be a minimum of 14 days' notice before Officers are moved off their straight day or straight night shift schedule.

13.3 Assignment of Additional Hours

A. Application

1. When Management decides there is a need to call off duty personnel to work, the following procedure shall be used to provide an equitable opportunity for assignment of additional hours.
2. These procedures do not apply to emergency situations as determined by the Employer or when application would result in a Bargaining Unit Member working more than sixteen (16) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.
3. A record of actual compensated overtime hours worked by the overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Member will be maintained and made available for reasonable inspection by appropriate Association representatives.
4. Management may, but need not, fragment overtime for those on the Work Assignment Contact List who are not able to accept the full overtime assignment available.

B. Application Procedures

1. All worksites will use a standardized form on which interested Bargaining Unit Members assigned to that institution must sign to indicate their availability for work assignments during their regularly scheduled days off.
2. The form, entitled "Work Assignment Contact List", will be posted in a designated area in each worksite at the beginning of each shift rotation. Bargaining Unit Members who wish to be called for additional work assignments during their regularly scheduled days off must sign the Work Assignment Contact List before 2400 hours each Monday. After 2400 hours on Monday, Bargaining Unit Members may add their names to the bottom of the Work Assignment Contact List through the end of that shift rotation at which time the list is final. No names shall be added to the Work Assignment Contact List after the end of the last shift in that rotation. The order of name placement of those interested will be randomized.
3. Bargaining Unit Members not present at the worksite during their regularly scheduled shift by reason of leave, training, or other similar cause may contact the Shift Sergeant, who will sign their names to Work Assignment Contact Lists as provided above.
4. Work Assignment Contact Lists will be used for purposes of scheduling Bargaining Unit Members for work assignments. Bargaining Unit Members on the List will be called in rotation. The Employer's designee is responsible for recording the attempted contact on the form and the nature of the response, if any. If the attempt ends with a message recorder, beeper, etc., there is no requirement that a message be left or additional contact attempt be made before moving to the next name on the list. Bargaining Unit Members may supply up to two (2) telephone numbers on the Work Assignment Contact List and both will be called.
5. A contact attempt is presumed to have been made as recorded. Failure to complete Work Assignment Contact Lists properly may result in discipline.
6. If one full rotation through the Work Assignment Contact List results in the failure to secure an available Bargaining Unit Member, then any method, including but not limited to, contacting Bargaining Unit Members from other worksites or requiring additional work to be performed by any Bargaining Unit Member may be used.
7. The Employer can limit use of these procedures to Bargaining Unit Members who meet specialized requirements as determined by the Employer or if selection from the list would result in conflict of the parties' rights or obligations under this Agreement, rulings, determinations, regulations, or statutes.
8. Bargaining Unit Members who place their names on a Work Assignment Contact List for additional work assignments have no entitlement or expectation to specific

post or duty assignments, nor are they entitled to recall or standby pay.

9. If a Bargaining Unit Member accepts an overtime assignment or assignments, but management rescinds the assignment(s), the Bargaining Unit Member will be placed at the top of the next Work Assignment Contact List.

- C. Randomization: Each work period, the random lists shall be compiled by placing each eligible Bargaining Unit Member's name into a selection device. Once all names have been deposited, they shall be mixed. After mixing is complete, each name shall be selected one at a time by the Superintendent or his designee. The first name selected shall be placed on the top of the work assignment list, and so forth.

13.4 Continuous Hours of Work

A Bargaining Unit Member may not work in excess of sixteen (16) hours within one (1) twenty-four (24) hour period except in an emergency.

13.5 Recall

A. Overtime Eligible Bargaining Unit Members

1. If an overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Member is called back to work within four (4) hours after the completion of the Bargaining Unit Member's shift, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be paid recall premium pay at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the Bargaining Unit Member's regular pay rate for actual hours worked. Regular rate of pay is the applicable rate for regularly scheduled work.
2. If an overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Member is recalled later than four (4) hours after completion of the Bargaining Unit Member's regular shift, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be entitled to a minimum of four (4) hours recall premium pay at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the Bargaining Unit Member's appropriate rate of pay (including the appropriate shift differential). Should total call-back hours worked exceed four (4) hours, an overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Member shall receive recall premium pay at a rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the Bargaining Unit Member's appropriate rate of pay (including the appropriate shift differential) for all such hours worked.
3. The recall provisions of A.1 and A.2 do not apply in the following cases:
 - a. If the additional work assignment has been scheduled prior to the Bargaining Unit Member's leaving the work site at the end of the shift;
 - b. If the Bargaining Unit Member who is contacted to return to work is on standby when contacted to return to work;
 - c. If the Bargaining Unit Member has volunteered to be called for overtime during a specified pay period;
 - d. If the Bargaining Unit Member is not required to report to a workstation or other location in order to perform the work.

In such cases, all hours worked will be paid at the appropriate rate of pay.

13.6 Early Call-In

“Early Call-in” shall be defined as the notification of a Bargaining Unit Member to report early and work hours contiguous with his/her next regular scheduled shift. If notified of an early call-in, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be compensated for all hours worked with a minimum of one (1) hour as worked.

13.7 Standby

- A. When Bargaining Unit Members are ordered to be available for immediate recall and either to remain at home or periodically to report their whereabouts, their names shall be placed on a standby roster. Assignments to a standby roster shall be, insofar as possible, equitably rotated among Bargaining Unit Members normally required to perform the anticipated duties, provided that nothing in this Article shall preclude the assignment of an individual to a standby roster whose knowledge makes that individual the most logical choice for the anticipated tasks.

- B. An amount equal to ten percent (10%) of seven and one-half (7.5) times the Bargaining Unit Member’s hourly base salary will be paid to a Bargaining Unit Member who is assigned to a standby roster for each calendar day or portion of a calendar day of such assignment. The daily rate of compensation shall include geographic and shift pay as appropriate.

13.8 Telephone Overtime

When an overtime eligible Bargaining Unit Member is required to perform work by telephone after the completion of the Bargaining Unit Member’s scheduled work hours, the time worked shall be recorded on the time sheet in fifteen (15) minute increments.

13.9 Pay on a Holiday

Holiday Premium Pay for hours worked on a holiday shall be computed only on the hours worked between 12:01 a.m. and the following 11:59 p.m. on the holiday. This Holiday Premium Pay shall be paid in addition to the eight (8) hours at the straight-time rate for holiday pay and shall not be pyramided or duplicated. The Holiday Premium Rate of pay shall be compensated at time and one-half (1.5) for all hours so worked.

13.10 Overtime Pay Calculations

When a Bargaining Unit Member who is eligible to receive overtime works a shift that qualifies for shift differential pay, the Employer shall compute overtime on the basis of the following formula: (Base rate + shift differential) x 1.5.

13.11 Compensatory Time

- A. When a Bargaining Unit Member and Institutional Management mutually agree in writing, overtime hours worked may be credited to the Officer’s Compensatory Time (comp time) account at one and one-half (1.5) leave hours for each hour of overtime worked in lieu of overtime pay.

- B. The maximum total number of hours an Officer can have accrued and unused is the maximum allowed under Fair Labor Standards Act regulations, which is currently four hundred and eighty (480) hours.
- C. Hours earned in Compensatory Time will not count against any personal leave caps or personal leave maximums in Article 20.1.
- D. Compensatory Time hours have a cash value and may be cashed out at the Bargaining Unit Member's current hourly rate of pay once per pay period.
- E. A Bargaining Unit Member may use Compensatory Time in lieu of approved personal leave. Compensatory Time used in lieu of personal leave is paid at the Bargaining Unit Member's current hourly rate of pay. An Officer using Compensatory Time in lieu of approved personal leave will indicate Compensatory Time instead of personal leave on his/her timesheet.
- F. Unused Compensatory Time will be cashed out upon separation from the Bargaining Unit at the Bargaining Unit Member's current hourly rate of pay.
- G. The Bargaining Unit Member will notate on their timesheets when they want to accrue Compensatory Time in lieu of overtime.

ARTICLE 14 - PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

14.1 Performance Evaluations

- A. Employees in a probationary status shall receive written performance evaluations midway through and at the completion of the probationary period. Permanent employees not in a probationary status in a job class shall receive annual written evaluations on or before their merit anniversary date. The employer intends to transition to evaluating all bargaining unit members at the same time annually. In such an event, the requirements that evaluations be on merit anniversary dates will no longer apply.
- B. The scope of the performance evaluation shall be limited to those factors relevant to the effective performance of the employee's duties and responsibilities. The evaluation process shall be consistently and equitably applied.
- C. Evaluations are due fifteen (15) days prior to the mid-probationary period, completion of probation and the merit anniversary date, unless the employer transitions the completion of annual performance evaluations to the same date for all employees within the Bargaining Unit. The Employer will make every effort to see that the evaluations are received in a timely manner.
- D. If the rater fails to prepare a timely performance evaluation, any performance incentive increase shall be granted to the employee effective on the employee's merit

anniversary date. The fact that an evaluation is late shall not delay the transition from probationary to permanent status. Upon receipt of the evaluation, if the annual rating is below "acceptable" then the merit step or pay increment that was provided will be removed on a going forward basis, provided an annual rating of below acceptable is not delayed by more than 6 months from the date it was due.

- E. Prior to signing an evaluation, the rater will discuss the evaluation with the employee, in part to assist the employee in understanding the degree to which he/she is meeting the requirements of the position. Employees will not be required to concur with the performance evaluation report. At the time the employee signs the evaluation, he/she will be provided a copy. The finalized evaluation will be provided to the employee within ninety (90) calendar days of the date of signing by the employee.
- F. An employee who is dissatisfied with any written performance evaluation may, within fourteen (14) calendar days of discussing the evaluation with the rater and prior to finalization of that evaluation, provide a written rebuttal to it which will be attached to the evaluation and become a permanent part of the employee's personnel file. For an evaluation that does not involve the denial of a merit step or pay increment, this rebuttal will be the exclusive means of contesting the evaluation.
- G. Employees may request a written performance evaluation at reasonable intervals.
- H. Performance evaluations, including rebuttals, shall be placed in the employee's personnel file.
- I. To ensure that performance evaluations meet the standard of being consistently and equitably applied, all performance evaluations shall be reported on a single approved Employer form.

14.2 Performance Incentives

Performance incentives shall be based upon the appointing authority's evaluation of an employee's performance.

- A. A performance incentive of one (1) step in the salary range may be given to an employee who has received an overall performance evaluation of "Mid-Acceptable" or better on the employee's merit anniversary date. The employee's merit anniversary date shall be the first (1st) day following satisfactory completion of the probationary period, unless the employee enters the pay range above the minimum rate of pay for reasons other than being granted an Education Incentive step increase pursuant to Article 21.4, in which case the merit anniversary date shall be the first (1st) day following completion of one (1) year of service in the position.
- B. Steps (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of the salary range shall be used for performance incentives where an employee has demonstrated satisfactory service of a progressively greater value to the Employer. Unless the Employer denies a merit increase through a performance evaluation, an employee's step increase will become

effective on the merit anniversary date.

- C. The merit anniversary date does not change when a performance incentive is not granted. If the employee's performance reaches acceptable levels later in the merit year, the step increase may be granted effective the first (1st) day of the pay period of any month and no change in the merit anniversary date will result.
- D. When an employee's level of work performance becomes less than "Mid-Acceptable," an interim performance evaluation may be prepared. When such an evaluation is prepared and the level of performance does not reach "Mid-Acceptable" within the subsequent thirty (30) day period, one (1) salary step may be withdrawn on the first (1st) day of the pay period following completion of the thirty (30) day period, provided the employee's salary is not the entry step of the salary range. No more than one (1) salary step may be withdrawn in a twelve (12) month period. Before a personnel action withdrawing a salary step is prepared, the employee shall be notified in writing that the performance has not improved. If the employee's level of performance subsequently reaches "Mid-Acceptable," the salary step may be restored effective the first day of the pay period following preparation of a performance evaluation report confirming the improved level of performance.
- E. The Employer will not establish a quota or percentage system to determine the number of performance incentive increases granted.

14.3 Appeal Procedures

In instances in which an employee has not been awarded a performance incentive or pay increment, the following shall be the sole and exclusive method for resolution:

- A. Level One: The employee must appeal within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of a copy of the finalized evaluation which fails to grant a performance incentive or pay increment. The appeal must be made in writing through the Association to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, setting forth the reasons the employee disagrees with the Employer's action. The Department shall respond in writing within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the appeal.
- B. Level Two: In the event the matter is not resolved at Level One, the Association may advance the appeal to the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations, Department of Administration. The appeal must be submitted in writing within fifteen (15) working days after the response at Level One is due or received, whichever is earlier, and must include all evidence and arguments which the Association desires to be considered by the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations. The Director shall review the appeal in conjunction with the subject performance evaluation and any rebuttal thereto; the Level One appeal and response, pertinent related performance documents and statements, the employee's job description and class specification. The Director shall respond to the appeal in writing within twenty (20) working days after receipt of the Level Two appeal. If the Director grants the appeal, the Association and the Department of Corrections shall be so notified concurrently, together with the

rationale for the Director's determination.

- C. Level Three: In the event that the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations does not grant the appeal, the Association may advance the appeal to the neutral third (3rd) party selected in accordance with the procedures below by submitting a written request to the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations within ten (10) working days after the receipt of the denial at Level Two. The request may include additional arguments in support of the Association's position, to which the Director may make a written response; neither party shall submit new evidence in conjunction with these written statements. The Director shall forward copies of the Level Two and Three appeals and responses to the neutral third (3rd) party within ten (10) working days of receipt of the Association's requests. The submission shall include all documents and written arguments reviewed by the Director at Level Two. Any dispute concerning the admissibility or relevance of performance related documents shall be resolved by the neutral third (3rd) party at such time as the appeal is forwarded for final decision. The neutral third (3rd) party shall render a written decision and rationale within thirty (30) days after receipt of the appeal. The decision shall be binding and non-reviewable. Costs associated with the neutral third (3rd) party shall be borne by the losing party.
- D. Selection of a Neutral: The Employer and the Association shall jointly select the neutral third (3rd) party. In the event that agreement has not been reached within thirty (30) days after signing of the Agreement, the neutral shall be selected by alternately striking names from the list of arbitrators provided for in the Grievance-Arbitration Article until one (1) name remains and that individual shall be appointed.

ARTICLE 15 - COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS

- A. A complaint is defined as: (1) any controversy, dispute, or disagreement arising between the Association or the employee(s) and the Employer that does not concern the application or interpretation of the terms of this Agreement, or (2) is the appeal of the discharge, demotion, or suspension of a probationary employee not holding permanent status in another classification. Such matters are not included in the definition of grievances as provided in Article 16. The following shall be the sole means of settling complaints.
- B. A complaint must be brought to the attention of the Employer, consistent with the procedures set forth in this Article, within fifteen (15) working days of the effective date of the action or inaction, whichever is later. Deadlines for submission of a complaint at succeeding steps shall be counted from the date of receipt of a response from the Employer, or the date the response is due, whichever is earlier. Date of receipt of a complaint or response shall be either seven (7) calendar days following date of postmark or the date of signed verification of receipt.
- C. If the Employer fails to render a decision within the allotted time, the complaint may

be advanced to the next step by the Association. Allotted time frames may be extended by mutual agreement.

D. Complaints shall be processed on forms approved by the Employer and the Association.

E. The complaint will state the facts from which it arises, the rules, procedures, or conditions which should be considered and the remedy requested. Adjustments to complaints shall not conflict with this Agreement or applicable written policies, laws, or regulations. Appeals should be in writing with a copy of the original complaint attached.

F. Procedure

1. Complaints will be presented on the provided forms by the employee or approved Representative per Article 2 of this Agreement to the first level supervisor outside the Bargaining Unit. The complaint may be adjusted with or without the participation of an approved Representative provided that the complainant has not been denied the opportunity for representation. The supervisor shall respond in writing to the complainant within ten (10) working days.

2. If the response is unsatisfactory, an employee or Representative may appeal to the Commissioner of Corrections or designee within ten (10) working days after the response is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Commissioner shall respond in writing to the employee or Association Representative within ten (10) working days of receipt of the appeal.

3. Failing resolution, a Professional Association Representative may present the appeal to the Commissioner of the Department of Administration within ten (10) working days after the response is due or received, whichever is earlier.

4. Upon request of the Association a meeting and/or teleconference between the Association Representative and the Commissioner or a designee will be convened to discuss the complaint. The Commissioner shall respond in writing to the Association Representative within twenty (20) working days of receipt of the complaint or of the meeting, if held, whichever is later. The decision of the Commissioner of the Department of Administration is final and shall settle the matter.

5. Extensions to the time limits established in sections B and F may be waived by mutual agreement.

G. Group Complaints: Complaints that involve more than one (1) complainant may be filed at the level which encompasses all known affected employees and, if necessary, may be appealed upward from that level until final settlement by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration. Time limits and procedures shall be as for individual

complaints set out above.

ARTICLE 16 - GRIEVANCE-ARBITRATION

16.1 General

- A. **Definition of Grievance:** A grievance is defined as a dispute over the application or interpretation of the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize that the application of other rules and regulations of the State may be necessary for the resolution of the grievance.

- B. **Consistency:** Grievances settled in writing at Step One found to be contradictory to statute or the Alaska Administrative Code may be reopened through a written notice to the Association within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the written settlement. Grievances reopened in this manner shall proceed immediately to Step Three of the grievance procedure.

16.2 Filing Requirements

- A. **Authority to File:** All grievances must be filed by or through the Association Business Manager or Agent.

- B. **Initial Filing Time Frame:** A grievance must be brought to the attention of the Employer, consistent with the procedures set forth in this Article within thirty (30) calendar days of the effective date of the disputed action or inaction, or the date the Bargaining Unit Member is made aware of the action or inaction, whichever is later. A grievance not brought within these time limits shall be considered untimely and shall be void.

- C. **Advancing the Grievance:** If the Employer fails to render a decision in the allotted time frame, the grievance must be advanced to the next step of the procedure by the Association within the time frames stated below in order to obtain further consideration.

- D. **Waiver of Grievance Steps and Time Frames:** Individual grievance steps and time limits for filings and responses may be waived by written mutual agreement of the Association and the Employer representative named at the appropriate step.

- E. **Grievance Format:** Grievances shall be processed in the format of or on the forms provided by the Employer. The grievance shall state the facts giving rise to the grievance, the provisions of the Agreement that may have been violated, and the remedy requested. If such information is not provided, the Employer may return the grievance to the Association without further action. The Association may resubmit the grievance, including the required information, within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the returned grievance. A grievance not resubmitted within these time frames shall be considered untimely and shall be void.

- F. Proof of Receipt: All mailed material relating to Steps One-Four filings of a grievance shall be accomplished through a proof of receipt method. Electronic delivery shall be an acceptable form of filing.

16.3 Special Grievance Types

A. Class Action Grievances:

1. A class action grievance is a disputed action or inaction, which affects two (2) or more Bargaining Unit Members in a substantially similar manner. To be accepted for processing, class action grievances must identify at least two (2) grievants and whenever possible, all known grievants, or attempt to identify all others by name, job class, and work location.
2. Class action grievances shall be submitted by the Association Business Manager or Agent to the first (1st) level supervisor having jurisdiction over all grievants. For example, if a class comprises Bargaining Unit Members working in more than one (1) institution or Division, grievances shall be submitted at Step Two; if only one (1) institution but more than one first level supervisor is involved, grievances shall be submitted at Step One to the Superintendent.

- B. Disciplinary Grievances: Grievances involving terminations, suspensions for one hundred sixty (160) hours or more and non-probationary demotions shall be entered at Step Two.

C. Informal Dispute Resolution:

1. The parties desire that differences between Bargaining Unit Members and supervisors be resolved as quickly and satisfactorily as possible. To achieve this goal, Bargaining Unit Members are encouraged to discuss such differences with their supervisors as soon as possible after they become aware of the event(s) leading to the differences and prior to filing a grievance. Supervisors are similarly encouraged to be responsive to such discussion. Adjustments may not conflict with the Agreement or applicable laws or regulations.
2. The time frames for filing a grievance at Step One shall apply whether or not the Bargaining Unit Member elects to engage in informal dispute resolution under this Section.

16.4 Grievance Procedure

- A. Step One: Within thirty (30) calendar days of the disputed action or inaction, or the date the Bargaining Unit Member is made aware of the action or inaction, whichever is later, the Association Business Manager or Agent may submit a grievance in writing to the Bargaining Unit Member's first (1st) level supervisor outside of the Bargaining Unit. The supervisor shall respond in writing to the Association within ten (10) calendar days of its presentation.

- B. Step Two: Failing to settle the grievance at Step One, the Association may advance the grievance by submitting it in writing to the designated Human Resources Representative with a copy to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections within fourteen (14) calendar days after the response from Step One is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Human Resources Representative shall respond in writing to the Association within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the appeal.
- C. Step Three: Failing to settle the grievance at Step Two, the Association may advance the grievance by submitting it in writing to the Commissioner of Administration within fourteen (14) calendar days after the response from Step Two is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Commissioner of the Department of Administration shall respond in writing to the Association within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the appeal.
- D. Step Four: Any grievance, which is not settled at Step Three, may be submitted to arbitration for settlement. This request must be submitted to the Commissioner of Administration in writing within thirty (30) calendar days after the response from Step Three is due or received, whichever is earlier. The Association shall state specifically which Article(s) and Section(s) the Employer may have violated and the manner in which the violation is alleged to have occurred. The parties will meet within twenty-one (21) calendar days after receipt of the request for arbitration to strike names and make arrangements to contact the arbitrator about scheduling the hearing. The Association shall contact the Employer representative assigned to the case to strike names.
- E. If either the State or the Association grants the other party an extension, the time frame for the next action by the other party is automatically extended by the same number of days.

16.5 Board of Arbitration

- A. Within thirty (30) calendar days of the signing of this Agreement, the Employer and the Association shall attempt to agree to a list of eleven (11) arbitrators for the Arbitration Selection List. Absent mutual agreement, the parties shall request a list (Western United States only) of arbitrators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), or other source, mutually agreed to by the parties. The current list shall be added to the list from the FMCS or other source (duplicate names shall only be included once on the complete list). The parties shall then alternately strike names from the list until eleven (11) names are left to constitute the Arbitrator Selection List.
- B. For each hearing, the parties will select the arbitrator by alternately striking one (1) name at a time until only one (1) name remains on the list. The parties will alternate on striking the first (1st) name. The initial strike process following the execution of this Agreement shall be decided by a toss of a coin. The name of the arbitrator remaining on the list shall be accepted by the parties as the arbitrator, and arbitration shall

commence on a mutually acceptable date.

16.6 Authority of the Arbitrator

- A. Questions of procedural arbitrability shall be decided by the arbitrator. The arbitrator shall make a preliminary determination on the question of arbitrability. Once a determination is made that the matter is arbitrable or if such preliminary determination cannot reasonably be made, the arbitrator shall then proceed to hear the merits of the dispute.
- B. The parties agree that the decision or award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding. The arbitrator shall have no authority to rule contrary to, amend, add to, subtract from, or eliminate any terms of this Agreement.

16.7 Arbitration Procedures

- A. No later than seven (7) working days prior to the scheduled arbitration meeting, the parties shall meet to discuss the arbitration and exchange the following information:
 - 1. A statement of the issue(s). If a joint statement(s) cannot be agreed upon, individual statements will be presented;
 - 2. A list of all exhibits each party intends to use to present its case in chief;
 - 3. A list of witnesses each party intends to call;
 - 4. A listing of facts to which the parties stipulate.
- B. It is the intention of the parties that post-hearing briefs will not normally be written. If either party believes it necessary to write a brief, it will so inform the other party.
- C. The hearing shall be conducted by the arbitrator in whatever manner will most expeditiously permit full presentation of the evidence and arguments of the parties.
- D. The award shall be rendered promptly by the arbitrator, normally within thirty (30) calendar days of the conclusion of the hearing or the submission of briefs, if briefs are submitted.
- E. The opinion and award shall be in writing and shall be signed by the arbitrator. The parties may agree by mutual consent that no opinion is required in a particular hearing, in which case the arbitrator shall issue only an award. The arbitrator shall retain jurisdiction until any award is fully implemented.
- F. Expenses incident to the services of the arbitrator shall be borne by the losing party. If neither party can be considered the losing party, the arbitrator shall apportion expenses using the arbitration decision as a guide.
- G. Documents implementing penalties, which are later reversed, shall be removed from the Bargaining Unit Member's personnel file. This does not preclude the maintenance of such records in the Labor Relations and Department historical grievance files, provided such documents shall not be forwarded to potential employers within or

outside State government.

- H. A Bargaining Unit Member who is required to appear as a witness for an arbitration proceeding for the Association shall be granted time off subject to the Association Business Leave Bank.
- I. Arbitration awards and grievances settled by a formal Letter of Grievance Resolution shall be implemented forty-five (45) days after receipt, if neither party has filed an appeal or noticed the other party of intent to appeal. The forty-five (45) day time limit may be extended by mutual agreement of the parties.

16.8 Grievance Mediation

Nothing shall preclude the parties from mutually agreeing to submit any grievance(s) not resolved at Step Three to mediation.

ARTICLE 17 - INSURANCE

17.1 Life Insurance

- A. The Employer shall insure the life of every Bargaining Unit Member in the principal amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
- B. Employee Purchased Life Insurance: The Employer will continue to make available an Optional Life Insurance Policy to each employee who is eligible for coverage under the Employer provided health insurance plan. The amount of optional life insurance available for employee purchase will be an amount equal to the employee's annual base income rounded to the next highest thousand. The maximum amount available will be \$100,000.

17.2 Travel Accident Insurance

The Employer shall insure the life of every Bargaining Unit Member against accidental death while the Bargaining Unit Member is traveling within the scope of his or her State employment in the amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00).

17.3 Health Insurance

- A. Employer Provided Health Insurance: The Employer will continue to provide a flexible benefits program for the provision of health insurance. Eligible employees shall pay, by payroll deduction, any difference between the Employer's contribution and the total premium required to provide coverage elected by the employee under the flexible benefits program. The Employer's health insurance contribution shall be the amount of money, for all employees, that is necessary to fund comparable coverage under the Select Benefits Economy Plan, less a monthly employee contribution not to exceed 15% of the premium contribution for the Employee Only and Employee Plus Family Economy Plans. These premiums and premium contributions will be set for each benefit (calendar) year commencing January 1st of 2025, 2026 and 2027.

- B. The eligibility of the employees and their dependents for coverage and the precise benefits to be provided shall be as set forth in the insurance plan documents, consistent with AS 39.30.090.
- C. The Employer shall provide written notice to the Association of changes to the level of health insurance benefits at least sixty (60) days prior to implementation.
- D. The Employer expressly waives its right to require the Association to bargain collectively and the Association expressly waives its right to require the Employer to bargain collectively over all matters relating to the provision of a group health insurance plan established pursuant to AS 39.30.090.
- E. The Employer shall recognize the participation of two Association Representatives as full members of the Health Benefits Evaluation Committee (HBEC) established between the Employer and representatives with Bargaining Unit Members or employees covered by the Commissioner's Plan. The HBEC may make recommendations to the Commissioner of Administration concerning provision of efficient, effective health care benefits within the level of the Employer's contribution, including but not limited to utilization review, pre-certification requirements, cost containment measures, employee education, and preferred provider arrangements. The Commissioner of Administration will give the committee's recommendations full consideration.

ARTICLE 18 - MEAL AND RELIEF PERIODS

18.1 Meal Break

A. Forty-two (42) Hour Schedule:

1. A duty-free meal break of not less than thirty (30) minutes nor more than one (1) hour shall be allowed approximately midway of each shift. Officers assigned to forty-two (42) hour work schedules shall be allowed to leave the institution while taking meal breaks.
2. Meal breaks, which are not given, shall be reported before the end of the shift. If a Bargaining Unit member does not report the missed meal break, it will be assumed the break was taken. Missed meal breaks will be treated as time worked and will be paid at the applicable rate. When an 84-hour Bargaining Unit Member works a 42-hour shift, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be granted a missed meal break in accordance with the provisions in this paragraph.
3. An additional meal break of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed when a Bargaining Unit Member works continuously for two (2) hours or more before or after the normal work day, and such additional meal break shall be considered as time worked.

4. In the event the Bargaining Unit Member is recalled within two (2) hours of the termination of their normal work day, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be granted a meal break in accordance with other provisions of this Article.

B. Eighty-four (84) Hour Schedule:

1. Bargaining Unit Members working a twelve (12) hour shift shall receive a one-half (1/2) hour duty-free paid meal period. Every effort shall be made to provide the meal break midway through the shift not earlier than three (3) hours after the start of the shift and not later than three (3) hours prior to the end of the shift.
2. Meal breaks, which are not given, shall be reported before the end of the shift. If a Bargaining Unit Member does not report the missed meal break, it will be assumed the break was taken. Missed meal breaks will be treated as time worked and will be paid at the applicable rate. When a 42-hour Bargaining Unit Member works a 12-hour shift, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be granted a missed meal break in accordance with the provisions in this paragraph.
3. In the event the Bargaining Unit Member is recalled within two (2) hours of the termination of their normal shift, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be granted a meal break in accordance with other provisions of this Article.
4. An additional meal break of thirty (30) minutes shall be allowed when a Bargaining Unit Member works continuously for two (2) hours or more before or after the normal shift, and such additional meal break shall be considered as time worked and will be paid at the applicable rate.

18.2 Relief Period

- A. All Bargaining Unit Members shall be allowed two (2) paid fifteen (15) minute relief periods in each normal workday. The Employer shall establish reasonable rules governing the taking of such relief periods.
- B. Relief periods will be taken away from the immediate workstation when the Bargaining Unit Member works in a public area and where the Employer can reasonably provide such separate area.
- C. When working other than the normal shift, a fifteen (15) minute paid relief period shall be allowed a Bargaining Unit Member during any work period of at least four (4) hours duration, or as otherwise agreed.
- D. If a Bargaining Unit Member is not allowed to take a relief break, he or she shall be compensated at the appropriate rate for the missed break if it is reported before the end of the shift. If a Bargaining Unit Member does not report the missed break, it will be assumed the break was taken. In the absence of a shift supervisor, an additional fifteen (15) minutes will be paid at the appropriate rate if the missed break is reported in accordance with Department/Institutional procedures.

ARTICLE 19 - HOLIDAYS

19.1 List

All Bargaining Unit Members shall be entitled to, and compensated for, eight (8) hours at their regular hourly rate of pay for all holidays listed below:

“Holiday” in this Agreement means:

1. The first of January, known as New Year’s Day.
2. The third (3rd) Monday in January, known as Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
3. The third (3rd) Monday in February, known as Presidents’ Day.
4. The last Monday in March, known as Seward’s Day.
5. The last Monday in May, known as Memorial Day.
6. The fourth (4th) of July, known as Independence Day.
7. The first (1st) Monday in September, known as Labor Day.
8. The 18th of October, known as Alaska Day.
9. The 11th of November, known as Veterans’ Day.
10. The fourth (4th) Thursday in November, known as Thanksgiving Day.
11. The twenty-fifth (25th) day of December, known as Christmas Day.
12. The holiday formerly known as Lincoln’s Holiday shall be treated as a floating holiday. On February 12th of each year, the Bargaining Unit Members’ personal leave account shall be credited with eight (8) hours of personal leave.
13. Every day designated by public proclamation by the Governor of Alaska as a legal holiday.

19.2 Observance of Holidays

A. Forty-Two (42) Hour Schedule: A designated holiday will normally be observed on the calendar day on which it falls, except employees who are regularly scheduled to work Monday through Friday will observe the preceding Friday when the holiday falls on Saturday, and will observe the following Monday when the holiday falls on Sunday. Normally, only those employees designated in advance by appropriate supervision will be required to work on a designated holiday. When a designated holiday falls on an employee’s scheduled day off, other than Saturday or Sunday, the day of observance will be rescheduled to another day within the pay period.

B. Eighty-Four (84) Hour Schedule:

1. Overtime pay for hours worked on a holiday shall be computed only on the hours worked between 12:01 a.m. and the following 11:59 p.m. on the holiday. This overtime compensation will be paid in addition to the eight (8) hours at the straight-time rate for holiday pay and is subject to Article 13.9.
2. If a holiday falls on the employee’s regularly scheduled day off, the employee shall receive payment for the holiday for eight (8) hours at the straight-time rate provided the employee was in pay status for a portion of the last regularly scheduled

workday prior to the holiday and in pay status for a portion of the next regularly scheduled workday after the holiday. Such holiday pay does not count for the purpose of computing overtime, nor the purpose of fulfilling the work period unless worked as provided in Paragraph 1 above.

ARTICLE 20 - LEAVE

20.1 Personal Leave

A. Accrual

1. Accrual of personal leave for full-time Bargaining Unit Members is according to the following schedule:

Years of Service	Hours:Minutes per Pay Period
0-2	7:23
2-5	9:14
5-10	11:05
10+	12:56

2. Personal leave accruals for partial periods of service will be on a prorated basis. There shall be no accrual of personal leave during any pay period during which the Bargaining Unit Member is absent without approved leave.
3. Accrued personal leave is available for use after a Bargaining Unit Member has completed thirty (30) continuous calendar days of employment. Bargaining Unit Members shall use accrued personal leave on an hour for hour basis.
4. Leave Anniversary Date: Changes in the rate of personal leave accrual shall take effect at the beginning of the pay period in which the Bargaining Unit Member completes the prescribed period of full-time service.
5. Personal leave earned during the pay period will be credited on the first (1st) day of the following pay period.

B. Maximum Accumulation of Leave

1. Effective December 16, 2015, personal leave accrued but not used shall accumulate to a maximum of 1,500 hours on December 15 of any calendar year. A department head may permit a Bargaining Unit Member to carry over more than 1,500 hours of accrued personal leave if the Bargaining Unit Member was unable to reduce their accrued hours because the Bargaining Unit Member: (1) was required to work as a result of fire, flood, or other extensive emergency; or (2) was assigned work of a priority or critical nature over a period of time or (3) was denied leave by their supervisor.

2. By June 1 of each calendar year, those Bargaining Unit Members whose personal leave balance exceeds, or could exceed by December 15, the personal leave accumulation maximum of 1,500 hours must submit to their supervisor for approval a plan to use personal leave to bring their balance below the accumulation maximum. If the Bargaining Unit Member fails to submit a plan, or adhere to an approved plan, the Bargaining Unit Member's division director will order the employee to take sufficient personal leave to reduce the Bargaining Unit Member's balance or potential balance on December 15 below the accumulation maximum.
3. Bargaining Unit Members who have a personal leave balance that exceeds four hundred (400) hours on December 16, 2015, shall be exempt from this provision until such time as their personal leave balance equals 400 hours or less on December 16 of any calendar year.

C. Utilization and Disposal of Personal Leave

1. Personal leave may be taken by a Bargaining Unit Member at any time business permits, upon prior permission by the facility supervisor or designee. A Bargaining Unit Member's request for personal leave will not be unreasonably denied. However for Bargaining Unit Members on the 84-hour schedule, approval will not normally be granted for non-emergency personal business or medical appointments. This does not preclude approval of personal leave for vacation purposes, which is contiguous with the Bargaining Unit Member's days off.
2. At least eighty-four (84) hours of personal leave must be used each leave year beginning January 1 and ending December 31 except that Bargaining Unit Members exempted from 20.1(B)(3) of this Article must use one hundred and twenty-six (126) hours each leave year.
3. If the Bargaining Unit Member is denied the use of the required hours of personal leave in any leave year, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be entitled to payment for the unused portion. This payment shall be at the rate of one and one-half (1.5) times the Bargaining Unit Member's hourly rate and shall be included in the first (1st) regular pay following the close of the leave year in which the denial occurred. The period of time for which payment is made shall be deducted from the personal leave balance. It is understood that, should the Bargaining Unit Member take no action to schedule the required hours of personal leave, the Employer may direct that he/she take the personal leave at any time to satisfy the requirement. If the Bargaining Unit Member does not take the scheduled leave, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be entitled to payment for the unused portion. This payment shall be at the Bargaining Unit Member's annualized hourly rate. The period of time for which payment is made will be deducted from the Bargaining Unit Member's personal leave balance.

D. Leave Cash In

1. Each Bargaining Unit Member may cash in any amount of personal leave, but in no event shall a payment be made which reduces the leave balance below eighty-four (84) hours. Payment will be made no later than one (1) pay period after the one in which the request was made. Bargaining Unit Members will be limited to no more than six (6) leave cash-in requests per calendar year.
 2. For Bargaining Unit Members exempt under 20.1(B)(3), up to forty-two (42) hours of personal leave cashed in under this Article will be applied to the Bargaining Unit Member's mandatory leave usage requirements under 20.1(C)(2).
- E. Terminal Leave: Any Bargaining Unit Member who is separated from State service for any reason including layoff shall receive within three (3) days a lump sum payment for the number of hours of accrued personal leave at the Bargaining Unit Member's annualized hourly rate of pay.
- F. Each facility will develop procedures for scheduling leave on an annual basis ensuring that leave selection is based on seniority.
- G. The Employer shall make every reasonable effort to honor leave that was previously approved.

20.2 Use of Personal Leave for Medical Purposes

- A. Personal leave for medical purposes may be granted by the facility supervisor or designee only in the following instances.
1. At the discretion of the facility supervisor or designee, a Bargaining Unit Member may be granted personal leave for a medical appointment or illness or injury of the employee. The Bargaining Unit Member may be required to support said absence with a physician's certificate. Bargaining Unit Members shall not be required to provide a physician's certificate for illness of less than three (3) consecutive working days (i.e. not counting intervening Regular Days Off) unless improper use is suspected.
 2. At the discretion of the facility supervisor or designee, a Bargaining Unit Member may be granted personal leave for a medical or dental appointment or illness or injury within the Bargaining Unit Member's immediate family which requires the attendance of the Bargaining Unit Member or where the Bargaining Unit Member's presence on the job could jeopardize the health of fellow employees. Under these conditions the Bargaining Unit Member may, with the consent of the Bargaining Unit Member's facility supervisor or designee, use personal leave with pay the same as if the Bargaining Unit Member was personally under a medical disability; however, such leave may not be granted unless the facility supervisor or designee is satisfied that the absence of the Bargaining Unit Member is required to attend the dependent with the medical appointment, illness, or disability. The facility supervisor or designee may require a doctor's certification showing that the

Bargaining Unit Member is required to be in attendance.

3. Upon the death of a spouse, unmarried partner, or other family member of the immediate family of a Bargaining Unit Member, the Bargaining Unit Member may use not more than seven (7) working days of accrued personal leave with pay for purposes of funeral leave. Under extenuating circumstances, the facility supervisor or designee may, at his/her discretion, approve the use of additional days of accrued personal leave for this purpose. Immediate family for purposes of funeral leave means the Bargaining Unit Member's spouse, children, stepchildren, mother, father, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister, brother, grandparent, or grandchild.
 4. In each case of absence due to illness or injury it shall be the responsibility of the Bargaining Unit Member to notify the Bargaining Unit Member's supervisor of the absence immediately and to report periodically the anticipated duration of the absence. Failure to notify the supervisor may result in disciplinary action, up to, and including termination.
 5. At the discretion of the facility supervisor or designee, a Bargaining Unit Member may be granted personal leave when requested by local medical officials to respond to an emergency for the purpose of donating blood.
- B. Employees shall be allowed to donate personal leave to and receive donations of personal leave from employees in this unit or those represented by a different union or non-covered employees subject to the following conditions:
1. Each Bargaining Unit Member wishing to donate personal leave will fill out, date, and sign a leave slip showing the amount of leave to be donated subject to a minimum of four (4) hours. The leave slip will have written along the bottom, or in the space provided, "Leave donated to (employee name, Employee Identification Number)".
 2. The Association will be responsible for gathering all leave donations and forwarding to the Division of Personnel & Labor Relations Payroll Services Supervisor for the Department. Leave donations will be posted by the Employer in date and order received to the recipient's donated leave account as needed. Donations shall not be posted for use in a pay period prior to that in which received, and to be posted in a pay period, must be received by the above Payroll contact no later than noon on the first day of the next pay period. Once a Bargaining Unit Member returns to work, if after three pay periods in which the recipient does not require the use of donated leave, the leave donated and not used by the recipient shall be returned to the donor.
 3. The Employer will convert the donated leave to dollars at the annualized hourly rate of the donor. That dollar amount will be converted to leave at the annualized hourly rate of the recipient and the appropriate hours of leave will be added to the recipient's donated leave account for use as medical or bereavement leave. The

total amount of leave credited to the recipient's donated leave account shall not exceed seven-hundred and fifty (750) hours during the life of the current Agreement. Donated leave may not be used until all accrued personal leave has been exhausted.

4. Once the Employer has completed the above process, the Employer will not be obligated for further processing or liabilities resulting there-from. Upon the death of a Bargaining Unit Member, any unused donated leave shall be paid in cash to the Bargaining Unit Member's beneficiaries at the Bargaining Unit Member's annualized hourly rate.

20.3 Absence and Payment for Court Leave and Jury Duty

- A. A Bargaining Unit Member who is called to serve as a juror or subpoenaed as a witness, other than for Department Business shall be entitled to court leave for time spent in court and traveling to and from the institution and the court, provided the Bargaining Unit Member provides five (5) calendar days' notice of the potential court date or jury duty (or provided notice upon receipt of a subpoena if received less than five (5) calendar days before the court date). An employee's schedule may be adjusted for the duration of the time the employee is scheduled to appear.
- B. Time spent in court on behalf of the Employer and time spent traveling to and from the institution to court shall be considered time worked.
- C. Written documents such as a subpoena, Marshal's statement of attendance and compensation for services, per diem, and travel, may be required to support a request for court leave or assignment to court duty.
- D. A Bargaining Unit Member who is required to appear in court and who does not serve for a full day, or who is placed on "on-call" status, shall return to work to complete his/her workday if reasonable time remains for such return. With Management concurrence, the Bargaining Unit Member may not be required to report back to work after completing his/her court attendance and will be credited time worked for a full duty day.
- E. Bargaining Unit Members shall turn over to the Department all monies received from the court as compensation for service rendered during hours for which the Bargaining Unit Members are paid a wage by the Employer

20.4 Time Off to Vote

The Employer shall provide reasonable and necessary time off for Bargaining Unit Members to vote in local, municipal, borough, State, and Federal elections, provided that the Bargaining Unit Member is unable to vote outside working hours because of actions of the Employer.

20.5 Other Approved Absence

Upon application and written approval of the Commissioner, a Bargaining Unit Member

may be granted leave of absence without pay. Continuous service credit shall not accrue during the period of leave.

20.6 Business Leave Bank

- A. There is hereby created a Business Leave Bank for the sole and exclusive use of the Association. The Bank shall be administered and managed solely by the Association and subject to periodic audits by the Employer. Each audit shall be preceded by written notice, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the audit. Audits shall not be more frequent than twice each calendar year. The Employer shall provide the Association with a monthly statement reflecting, by name and amount, the additions and withdrawals and the current Business Leave account balance.
- B. The first (1st) twelve (12) hours of accrued personal leave of all new Association Members shall be transferred to the Association's Leave Bank. Upon request from the President of the Association, when authorized by the membership, the Employer shall transfer from one (1) hour to eight (8) hours from each Association Member's personal leave account to the Association Leave Bank. Any additional leave transfers shall be in no less than one (1) hour increments.
- C. Leave assessments from Association Members new to the Bargaining Unit and donated personal leave will be converted to its dollar value at the hourly rate of the pay of the Bargaining Unit Member from whom the leave was received. Those dollars (with benefit costs) shall be placed in the Business Leave Bank. When Business Leave is used in accordance with the other provisions of this section, dollars will be withdrawn from the bank equal to the hourly rate (with benefit costs) of the Bargaining Unit Member utilizing the leave times for the hours of leave taken. Leave used shall be no less than in one-hour increments.
- D. The Association agrees that it will not use the Leave Bank for any purpose other than bona fide Association business. The Association further agrees that the Leave Bank balance is not returnable to personal leave accounts. Requests for absences from duty for Business Leave shall be made by the President of the Association or the Association Business Manager and addressed to the appropriate management level as designated in writing by the Employer. Each request will state specifically the purpose of the absence.
- E. Employer reports indicating the amount of dollars deducted and transferred to the Leave Bank shall have a presumption of being accurate.
- F. Business leave requests, which have an Association tracking number, will have a presumption of being authorized. The Employer shall not be held responsible in any discrepancy between the leave slip submitted by the Bargaining Unit Member and Association.
- G. Requests for absences for Correctional Officer business shall not be unreasonably denied. Time paid as Business Leave shall be considered as time worked for the

purpose of meeting the minimum required workweek.

20.7 Administrative Leave for Injury

- A. Administrative Leave is paid leave used to properly record an excused absence. It shall be granted for a leave of absence for up to twelve (12) consecutive months from the date of initial injury/illness for a Bargaining Unit Member who has suffered an illness or injury in the line of duty that would normally qualify them for Workers' Compensation. In such instances, the Bargaining Unit Member may be assigned work at the discretion of the Department providing such work assignment does not adversely affect the nature of the illness or injury. Should it be determined the Bargaining Unit Member shall not be eligible to return to full duty and applies for retirement, and retirement is granted prior to the twelve (12) months' expiration of Administrative Leave, the Department's obligation under this provision shall then be nullified. A Bargaining Unit Member is not eligible to retain lost wage compensation from Workers' Compensation for the time covered by Administrative Leave. If the Bargaining Unit Member does receive lost wage compensation from Workers' Compensation for the time covered by Administrative Leave, such payment shall be submitted to the Department of Corrections to be deposited in an account belonging to the Department of Corrections.
- B. Time spent on Administrative Leave shall not reduce the Bargaining Unit Member's personal leave balance.
- C. A Superintendent or facility manager need not require a physician's statement in cases when a Bargaining Unit Member suffers a workplace injury which is the result of a qualifying injury and results in the Bargaining Unit Member's absence from regularly scheduled work for three (3) days or less.
- D. A Bargaining Unit Member on Administrative Leave may be assigned limited duty at the discretion of the Department providing such work does not adversely affect the injury/illness or adversely impact the Bargaining Unit Member's ability to obtain medical treatment.
- E. Notice. The Bargaining Unit Member shall provide documentation that the Bargaining Unit Member's workers' compensation claim has been accepted.

20.8 Recruitment Incentive Leave

Any Bargaining Unit Member that recruits a candidate that successfully completes the Academy shall have thirty (30) hours of personal leave credited to their leave account. If this same candidate successfully completes their probationary period, the Bargaining Unit Member shall have an additional thirty (30) hours of personal leave credited to their leave account. In order to be eligible for the recruitment incentive leave, the Bargaining Unit Member must adhere to the Department policy on recruitment.

20.9 Parental Leave

- A. Bargaining Unit Members' leave for purposes of childbirth and/or adoption shall be

consistent with the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act and the Alaska Family Leave Act.

- B. For those Bargaining Unit Members who do not qualify or who are not eligible under either of the Family Leave Acts, immediately preceding and following childbirth, the Bargaining Unit Member giving birth is entitled to take a total of nine (9) workweeks' leave. This leave shall be charged first to personal leave.
- C. Where a maternity/FMLA/AFLA leave of absence is taken in accordance with the provisions of this section, the Bargaining Unit Member shall accumulate service credit for the first nine (9) workweeks or during the full period of paid leave, whichever is longer.

ARTICLE 21 - WAGES

21.1 Wage Adjustments

Effective July 1, 2025, or prospectively beginning in the next pay period following receipt of the necessary legislative approval, whichever is latest, the wage scale in effect on July 1, 2024 shall increase by eleven percent (11%).

~~This agreement shall be reopened for the sole purpose of negotiating wage adjustments to be effective July 1, 2026. Effective July 1, 2026, or prospectively beginning in the next pay period following receipt of the necessary legislative approval, whichever is latest, the wage scale in effect on July 1, 2025 shall increase by Five percent (5%), by an additional Two percent (2%) on December 31, 2026, and by an additional One percent (1%) on June 30, 2027.~~

21.2 Geographic Differential Pay

The following pay step differentials are an amendment to the basic pay plan provided in Section 1. All Bargaining Unit Members shall have the appropriate additional percentage added to their base rate of pay for these permanent duty stations:

Work Facility Location	% Above Basic Pay
Bethel	50.00
Fairbanks	3.00
Juneau	5.00
Nome	37.00

Effective July 1, 2012, in those locations where the geographic differential rates are reduced, the salary of current employees will be frozen for so long as they remain at the same job at the same duty station or until salary increases or changes in the Bargaining Unit Member's position result in the Bargaining Unit Member receiving a higher salary than the frozen amount. If the pay of an employee is reduced because of a demotion, the employee's geographic differential remains unchanged and continues as long as the

employee remains at the same duty station. If the pay of an employee is reduced by the reclassification of the position, the employee will continue to receive the same pay as long as the employee meets the standards set forth above.

21.3 Spring Creek Correctional Center Duty Station Incentive Pay

Employees whose duty station is Spring Creek Correctional Center (SCCC) shall, upon the completion of one (1) consecutive year worked, be paid the equivalent of one (1) step above the earned step on the applicable salary schedule for all work performed at the SCCC. Employees whose duty station is SCCC shall, upon the completion of two (2) consecutive years worked, be paid the equivalent of two (2) steps above the earned step on the applicable salary schedule for all work performed at the SCCC. Employees who have earned placement at the final step in the range shall receive the equivalent of the appropriate step increase established above. Payment of the above incentives is to begin on the first day worked following the employee's attainment of the SCCC consecutive years worked prerequisite. Employees who transfer from SCCC to another institution shall be returned to the Bargaining Unit Member's earned step on the applicable salary schedule. Employees who accept a promotion shall have the promotion calculated based on the step actually earned. Employees who choose to work at an institution other than SCCC on regular time off will be paid at their earned step rather than the increased step established above.

21.4 Education Incentive Premium Pay

Bargaining Unit Members who possess or achieve a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education shall receive a one-time only step increase with proof of degree. If a Correctional Officer I is awarded an education incentive premium pay of one step, upon promotion to Correctional Officer II the employee shall retain the step placement at the new range.

21.5 FTO Instructor Pay

A Bargaining Unit employee who is FTO-qualified shall receive a premium pay of five percent (5%) of regular wages for time training or completing required FTO paperwork and reports. The Employer shall pay the expenses reasonably incurred by a Bargaining Unit Member in obtaining and maintaining certification as an FTO.

21.6 Pay Increments

Performance incentives shall be granted to the employee effective on the employee's merit or pay increment anniversary date, unless a timely evaluation provides that the employee does not have an annual rating of "mid-acceptable" or better.

Pay increments, computed at the rate of three and three-fourths (3.75) percent of the employee's base salary, shall be provided after an employee has remained in the final steps within the given range for two years, and every two years thereafter, if, at the time the employee becomes eligible for the increment, the employee's current annual rating by the employee's supervisor is designated as "mid-acceptable or better service."

21.7 Shift Differentials

A. If the work starts between 12 noon and 7:59 p.m. the employee shall receive a three

and three-fourths (3.75) percent increase over their basic wage as established by this Article for all hours worked in each such shift.

- B. If the work starts between 8 p.m. and 5:59 a.m. the employee shall receive a seven and one-half (7.5) percent increase over their basic wage as established by this Article for all hours so worked in each such shift.

21.8 Hazard Pay

SORT/IRT-certified Bargaining Unit Members deployed to a facility to respond to an inmate disturbance shall receive hazard pay of seven and one-half (7.5) percent in four (4) hour increments so worked.

21.9 RDO Premium Pay

A Bargaining Unit Member who works on their Regular Days Off (RDOs) shall receive time and one-half (1.5) premium pay for all hours worked on their RDOs regardless of the number of hours worked during their regularly scheduled workweek. The pay shall not pyramid when the Bargaining Unit Member is otherwise eligible for overtime premium pay by other operation of law or contract.

21.10 Prisoner Transportation Officer (PTO) Certification Expense Payment

The Employer shall pay the expenses reasonably incurred by a Bargaining Unit Member in obtaining and maintaining qualification as a PTO, when the Bargaining Unit Member is appointed and serves as a PTO.

21.11 Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Certification Expense Payment

When a Bargaining Unit Member is appointed and serves as a PTO and is assigned work that requires a CDL, the Employer shall pay the expenses reasonably incurred by a Bargaining Unit Member in obtaining and maintaining the CDL.

21.12 Hostage Situation Pay

Incidents may occur where a lockdown situation of a facility is necessary and a Bargaining Unit Member(s) is(are) held hostage. During the time the Bargaining Unit Member(s) is(are) in hostage status they shall be paid double their normal rate of pay.

21.13 General Pay Administration

- A. Beginning Wage: The minimum rate of pay in the assigned wage range for a class shall normally be paid upon initial appointment or hire. Any exception shall require the written approval of the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations prior to a Bargaining Unit Member beginning employment in the class.

- B. Rehired Employees:

- 1. If an employee eligible for rehire is appointed to a class in which the employee previously held permanent or probationary status or to a parallel class with prior approval of the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations under Section 9.4, the appointing authority may make the appointment at the same step in the wage range for the class that the employee occupied before separation

provided that the rehire occurs within a period of two (2) years. If appointed above the beginning step of the range, the employee's merit anniversary date shall be the first (1st) day following completion of one (1) year of service after rehire. An employee eligible for rehire may be appointed at a pay increment previously earned with a pay increment anniversary date the first day following completion of two (2) years of service after rehire.

2. If a person is rehired in a lower class in the same class series, the person may be appointed at any step up to the step in the range of the lower class of positions that best reflects the earned step based on creditable State service.

C. Promoted Employees:

1. An employee who has served one-half (1/2) or more of the time required to be considered for their next step increase, shall upon promotion to a position in a higher wage range in the Bargaining Unit, be placed at Step A of the higher range or such other step as will provide an increase of two (2) steps, whichever is greater.
2. An employee who has served less than one-half (1/2) of the time required to be considered for their next step increase, shall, upon promotion to a new position in a higher wage range in the Bargaining Unit, be placed at Step A or such other step as will provide an increase of one (1) step, whichever is greater.
3. A promoted employee entering the new range at a pay increment shall be treated as if that increment had been earned in the new range and granted further increments accordingly.
4. If a Bargaining Unit Member in frozen pay status is promoted to a higher job class, the promotion will result in, at a minimum, a one (1) step real increase in compensation.

D. Acting in a Higher Range:

1. An employee who has received prior written delegation from his/her division director or designee to perform essentially all of the duties of a specific position in a higher pay range than the employee's own for a period of not less than twelve (12) hours shall, retroactive to the first (1st) day, be paid at the step of the higher range that would be appropriate in case of promotion. Upon commencement of duties in the Bargaining Unit Member's regular position, the Bargaining Unit Member will return to the normal rate of pay.
2. Employees will be informed of the likely length of a delegation of authority at the time it is offered. Delegation to act at the higher range shall not exceed sixty (60) calendar days unless extended in writing by the Director of Personnel and Labor Relations.

3. In an emergency, the prior written delegation may be waived; however, written delegation by the Division Director or designee must be received within three (3) working days of the commencement of the duties of the higher range.
4. It shall not be a violation of this Agreement, nor cause for disciplinary action, should an employee decline to accept a prior written delegation of authority.

E. Demotions:

1. Demotions for cause: An employee who is demoted pursuant to Section 9.5 A (Employment Status), shall enter the new range at no less than the step occupied in the higher range or such higher step as may be determined by the Director of the Division of Personnel and Labor Relations.
2. Voluntary Demotions: An employee who receives a voluntary demotion shall be placed in the new range at the step that they would have earned if they had not promoted. An employee who receives a voluntary demotion except through reclassification will continue to receive wages, performance incentives and pay increments received by other employees. If the employee did not serve as a Correctional Officer in a lower range, the employee will enter the new range at no less than the step occupied in the higher range.
3. Involuntary Demotion for Failure to Complete a Probationary Period: An employee, who fails to complete a probationary period and is involuntarily demoted according to Article 9.5(B), shall be paid at the step last held in the lower job class. The merit anniversary date will be established as before, except that it will be advanced one month for each month employed at the higher range.
4. An employee who is appointed to a position in the lower job classification not in the same, parallel or closely related class series shall be paid at the step in the range of the lower class of positions that best reflects the earned step based on the creditable State service. The employee shall serve a new probationary period in the lower class and shall have a new merit anniversary date established.

F. Reallocation of Position or Class:

1. An employee occupying a position which is assigned to a lower pay range or reallocated to a classification which carries a lower pay range and who continues in the same position shall be treated as follows:
 - a. If the employee's current wage is the same as any step in the new range, the employee shall enter the new range at that step.
 - b. If the employee's current wage falls within the lower range but between steps, the employee's wages shall remain frozen until the employee's next merit anniversary date which results in the award of performance incentive, at which

time the employee shall be placed at the next higher step.

- c. If the employee's current wage exceeds the maximum of the new range, it shall remain frozen until it is the same as any step or falls between steps which appear on the wage schedule at the lower range, whichever is earlier. Salaries, which are frozen, shall not be subject to any wage increase including contractually negotiated adjustments or cost-of-living adjustments to the wage schedule.
2. When a job class is moved from one (1) pay range to a higher pay range, the action is called a salary range change. The merit anniversary date and step placement of all employees subject to the action shall remain unchanged. Employees at a pay increment must serve two (2) years at the new range. The simultaneous allocation of some positions to other job classes does not affect the action on the remaining positions.

21.14 Pay Procedures

- A. Payday: Not later than November 1 of each year the Employer will publish a calendar of pay days for the following calendar year. Pay day will be the second Friday following completion of the pay period. All checks postmarked or deposited by pay day shall be considered timely.
- B. Alternate Receipt Location: Employees who are not at work by reason of being on leave or on travel status for a period anticipated to be five (5) working days or less following the payday shall be considered to have been paid timely if they receive their pay on their first (1st) day back to work after such payday. In such cases where anticipated leave or travel status exceeds five (5) days, it shall be the responsibility of the employee to make alternate pay arrangements prior to departure.
- C. Non Receipt of Check: If the employee's pay is not deposited or the pay check is not postmarked by pay day, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be entitled to penalty pay of forty dollars (\$40.00) for every day thereafter that the check is late, provided the employee files notice with the Employer within the next regular day of business on a State Employee Notice of Pay Problem Form. Failure to provide notice to the Employer within the specified time period will forfeit claim for penalty pay until such notice is given. Employees who have their checks mailed to their banks shall be entitled to penalty pay only from the date of written complaint to the Employer.
- D. Itemized Deductions: The Employer shall itemize all deductions on paychecks so all employees can clearly determine the purpose for which amounts have been withheld.
- E. Pay Shortages: Pay shortages shall be paid promptly after receipt and verification of the employee's complaint in accordance with this section and no later than fifteen (15) business days after verification of a State Employee Notice of Pay Problem Form. If not paid within the prescribed period, the penalties set forth in Section 21.14 C shall apply for any verified pay shortage greater than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Shortages of less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid on the next regular payday.

- F. Penalty pay for any single pay shortage shall not exceed four hundred dollars (\$400.00).
- G. Overpayments: If an employee is overpaid, he/she will be provided with an accounting of the overpayment at least one (1) month prior to the Employer commencing repayment. Overpayments of greater than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) but less than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be recovered from the employee in two (2) monthly deductions from the employee's pay warrant. Overpayments of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or over shall be recovered in not less than three (3) monthly deductions and not more than six (6) monthly deductions from the employee's pay warrant. Overpayments discovered after twelve months or later from the time the overpayment was made shall be forgiven by the Employer, unless the overpayment was the result of fraud, deception or Bargaining Unit Member's negligence.
- H. Termination Pay: When an employee is terminated, his/her wages, less terminal leave and retirement contributions, become due immediately and shall be paid during business hours no later than the third (3rd) calendar day after termination, provided all Employer furnished equipment has been returned or accounted for. If not paid within the prescribed period, the penalties set forth in Section 21.14.C shall apply, except that if the employee voluntarily terminates without two (2) weeks prior notice, the penalties set forth in Section 21.14.C shall not apply until after the following pay period. All permanent employees shall be given two (2) weeks' notice or two (2) weeks' pay prior to non-disciplinary termination.

21.15 Biweekly Pay Schedule

The parties agree to a biweekly pay cycle, based on an existing biweekly cycle for payroll processing. Leave accrual and any other conditions or benefits calculated based upon a semi-monthly pay cycle will be recalculated to ensure that the conditions or annual benefits are not reduced by conversion to a biweekly pay cycle.

ARTICLE 22 - SHIFT ASSIGNMENT

22.1 Hours of Operation

- A. Hours of operation shall be established by the Employer.
- B. The Employer will notify the Association prior to implementing any large scale change in the hours of operation.

22.2 Shift Assignments

- A. Shift assignments shall be made in accordance with the needs of the Employer.

- B. Neither permanent assignments nor temporary assignments shall be used as a means of disciplining employees. The parties acknowledge that the changes in assignment may be appropriate as part of a corrective or investigatory action.
- C. Except in emergencies or situations in which the employee agrees, shift assignment will not be changed without at least five (5) days' notice; except that nothing in this Article precludes temporary reassignment of an employee because of illness, vacation, emergency, training, orientation, or similar causes.
- D. When the Employer changes the shift assignment of an employee, the Employer, whenever feasible, will solicit volunteers from among the group of potentially affected employees and select the senior employee from among the qualified volunteers in the job class. If there are no qualified volunteers, the Employer shall select the least senior qualified employee. For purposes of this section, seniority is construed as Bargaining Unit seniority.
- E. Training and education opportunities shall be considered a valid business need for involuntary shift assignments.

22.3 Alternative Workweeks

- A. A four (4) day workweek or other form of alternative workweek schedule may be established by written mutual agreement of the Employer and the Association, the terms of which schedules shall be set forth in Letters of Agreement.
- B. The Commissioner of Corrections or designee may approve flexible work hours.

22.4 Shift Exchanging

- A. An employee may be permitted to exchange shifts with other employees in the same classification or level provided:
 - 1. The employee makes a written request to his/her shift supervisor(s) at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the exchange;
 - 2. The shift supervisor(s) approves the exchange; and
 - 3. The employees exchanging shifts shall not be entitled to any additional compensation (e.g., overtime, holiday pay, shift differential) that they would not have otherwise received.
- B. Once approved, the shift exchange becomes a regular work assignment for the period of the exchange.
- C. Once approved, shift exchanges shall not be subject to further review, except to cover operational needs. If a shift exchange is denied, the shift supervisor denying the exchange shall state the reason for the denial on the written request.

22.5 Split Shifts

The Employer agrees that employees will not be scheduled to work split shifts except in those instances where there is no reasonable alternative.

22.6 Temporary Duty Assignments

- A. When the Employer changes the duty assignment of an employee from an 84-hour assignment to a 42-hour assignment, or vice versa, the Employer, whenever feasible, will solicit volunteers from among the group of potentially affected employees and select the senior employee from among the qualified volunteers in the job class. If there are no qualified volunteers, the Employer shall select the least senior qualified employee. For purposes of this section, seniority is construed as Bargaining Unit seniority.
- B. The Employer shall notify the Association when temporary duty assignments exceed sixty (60) days.

ARTICLE 23 - EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING

23.1 Equipment

The Employer shall not require employees to furnish their own tools or work implements in order to perform State work.

23.2 Uniforms

- A. The Employer shall provide uniforms to all employees that fit properly and include the appropriate departmental patches and badges. Upon hire each Officer will receive seven (7) new shirts, seven (7) new trousers, one (1) new tie, one (1) new utility jacket, and one (1) new hat.

Item and Number Issued	Frequency of Issue
Shirts 3 each	Yearly
Trousers 3 each	Yearly
Ties 1 each	Initial issue only
Utility Jacket 1 each	When worn or damaged
Hat 1 each	Every 3 years

- B. The Employer shall make these available to each Bargaining Unit Member by providing each Bargaining Unit Member with vouchers that will be accepted by a capable supplier the Employer selects and contracts with to provide uniforms for Bargaining Unit Members. The contract terms must include the provision of patches and proper sizing of the uniforms.
- C. Used uniforms shall not be given to Officers. If a uniform, or any of the items listed above, is torn, ripped, stained, worn, no longer fits properly, or is damaged in any way the State will issue another uniform. Worn or damaged uniforms will be returned to the Employer when replaced. Uniforms will be returned by the Bargaining Unit Member upon leaving the Correctional Officer and/or Correctional Supervisor job class series.

- D. At its sole discretion, the Employer may provide uniform and equipment items in addition to those provided for in 23.1 and 23.2, without a continuing obligation.
- E. Nothing in this Section shall preclude the employee from restitution from the Employer for damage or repair costs, other than normal wear and tear, incurred during the performance of duties to non-departmental issue clothing.

ARTICLE 24 - SAFETY AND HEALTH

24.1 Safety Equipment

It shall not be a violation of this Agreement nor grounds for discipline or dismissal, if a Bargaining Unit Member refuses to work on an unsafe job, provided the job is found to be unsafe by the Alaska Department of Labor. Any safety equipment required by the Division of Labor Standards and Safety regulations to make a job safe shall be supplied by the Employer. The Employer shall abide by the Division of Labor Standards and Safety regulations. Disciplinary action shall not be taken under this section until the Department of Labor has made a finding on safety. If the Department of Labor finds the job to be safe and subsequent disciplinary action is taken, the Bargaining Unit Member shall have recourse through the grievance-arbitration procedure.

24.2 Monitored Health Program

- A. The Employer agrees to inform Bargaining Unit Members of identified hazards with which they may come into contact in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Alaska Department of Labor.
- B. The parties recognize that certain Bargaining Unit Members may, in the regular performance of their duties, come in contact with pathogenic, carcinogenic and toxic substances or with infectious blood, airborne or body fluid borne diseases.
- C. When a qualifying Bargaining Unit Member provides proof of having undergone an annual physical, the Employer will reimburse that Bargaining Unit Member for actual, receipted out of pocket, expenditures up to two hundred dollars (\$200), provided the Bargaining Unit Member obtains and submits a final Explanation of Benefits (EOB). No more than one (1) such reimbursement will be made in any twelve (12) month period.

24.3 Labor-Management Committee on Safety and Health

The parties agree to establish a statewide Safety and Health Committee subject to the provisions of the Agreement. The committee shall consist of not more than four (4) LMC Safety and Health Members representing the Employer and four (4) LMC Safety and Health Members representing the Association. A specific priority responsibility of the Committee shall be to make recommendations to the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections not later than ninety (90) calendar days after convening and a formal report within six (6) months. This does not preclude continuing discussions and further

recommendations subsequent to the formal report. The Committee report must be given serious consideration by the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections prior to the implementation of any policy on this subject.

24.4 Fitness for Duty Testing

A. When an employee is required to submit to a physical or a psychological Fitness For Duty Evaluation (FFDE), for other than promotional reasons, the following shall apply:

1. The employee shall be provided with notice of the FFDE. The notice shall include the letter to the healthcare provider arranging the evaluation and materials to support the requirement of the evaluation, such as position descriptions and Employer observations.
2. The FFDE will be conducted at no charge to the employee. Upon request, the employee shall be provided with a complete report of the FFDE prior to any meeting with management personnel regarding the results of the examination.
3. The employee will be afforded an opportunity to meet with management personnel following the FFDE and prior to any administrative determination by the Employer regarding the employee's employment status. At the employee's request, Association Representation will be provided at any such meeting(s).

24.5 Officer Assaults

The on-duty supervisor will notify the Association within thirty-six (36) hours when a Correctional Officer is physically assaulted while on duty.

ARTICLE 25 - TRAVEL, PER DIEM AND MOVING

25.1 Travel, Per Diem, Meal Allowances, and Moving Costs

The Alaska Administrative Manual shall apply to all travel, per diem, meal allowances, and moving costs. Issues involving the correct application of the Alaska Administrative Manual are subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures contained in this Agreement.

25.2 Travel Status

An employee shall be considered in travel status from the time an authorized trip begins until it ends. For purposes of interpretation, travel status will begin and end when the employee leaves and returns to his/her immediate work station if the travel begins and ends during assigned business hours, or when the employee leaves and returns to his/her home if travel begins and ends outside assigned working hours. An employee is not in travel status for local travel and or "day trips."

25.3 Compensation for Prisoner Transportation Travel Time

The following applies when an overnight stay is required during the course of a prisoner transport.

- A. During normal scheduled work hours on days off: If an employee is required to travel for the purpose of prisoner transport during his or her normal scheduled work hours but on his or her regular days off, those hours shall be considered as hours worked and counted towards hours eligible for overtime compensation.
- B. During hours other than normal scheduled work hours on days off: If an employee is required to travel for the purpose of prisoner transport at times other than normal scheduled work hours but on his or her regular day off, those hours shall be considered as hours worked and counted towards hours eligible for overtime compensation.
- C. During normally scheduled work days: If an employee is required to travel for the purpose of prisoner transport on regularly scheduled work days, travel time shall be considered as time worked and shall be paid in accordance with other Articles of this Agreement.
- D. Time required to report for duty: Time required to report for duty for the purpose of prisoner transport is not considered travel time and shall not be considered as hours worked for purposes of compensation.
- E. When an employee is assigned to work away from their duty station, travel time, exceeding what the employee would normally spend commuting to and from their permanently assigned duty station, shall be considered as time worked.

25.4 Compensation for Non-Prisoner Transportation Travel Time

All employees will be reimbursed for mileage traveled from their residence to duty sites other than their assigned facility in excess of the mileage traveled in their normal commute from their residence to their assigned facility.

25.5 Time Required to Report for Duty

Consistent with the Fair Labor Standards Act, time required to report for duty is not considered travel time and shall not be considered time worked for purposes of compensation.

25.6 Privately-Owned Conveyances

Employees are not obligated to use their privately-owned vehicles for State business. However, when the Employer directs employees to use their own vehicles for State business, reimbursement shall be consistent with IRS regulations.

ARTICLE 26 - PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

26.1 Illegal Work

The Employer shall not knowingly require any Bargaining Unit Member to perform work in violation of any Federal, State, or local laws.

26.2 Stolen or Damaged Property

- A. Bargaining Unit Members shall not be responsible for stolen, lost or damaged property, except where there is cause to suspect negligence or deliberate act. This shall include the use of credit cards or any other method of credit. In cases of Bargaining Unit Members who are continuing their employment, no deduction in pay shall be made without ten (10) working days' notice. If the Bargaining Unit Members dispute the matter through the grievance procedure as applicable within the ten (10) working days' notice, no deduction will be made until the dispute process has been completed.
- B. In cases of separating Bargaining Unit Members, the Employer may withhold from the final paycheck the value of the lost or damaged property and may do so pending completion of the applicable dispute process.
- C. This section is not intended to preclude disciplinary action or provide for a time frame for the action except as otherwise provided in this Agreement.

26.3 Accidents

When an accident occurs, which in the Employer's assessment is chargeable to a Bargaining Unit Member, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be notified before any action is taken with respect to such chargeability. A Bargaining Unit Member shall have recourse through the grievance procedure as applicable beginning with Step Two with the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.

26.4 Association Activities

Consistent with AS 23.40.080, employees may engage in concerted activities for the purpose of collective bargaining or other mutual aid or protection. The Employer agrees that it will not in any manner, directly or indirectly, attempt to interfere between any of its employees and the Association; it will not in any manner restrain or attempt to restrain any employee from belonging to the Association or from taking an active part in Association affairs; and it will not discriminate against any employee because of Association membership or non-membership, or lawful Association activity.

ARTICLE 27 - EXAMINATION OF RECORDS

27.1 Official Personnel Files

- A. A Bargaining Unit Member shall have the right to examine his/her own personnel file or files and to make a reasonable number of copies of material contained in the personnel file or files. At the time any material is placed in the Bargaining Unit Member's personnel file or files by the Employer, a copy shall be forwarded to the Bargaining Unit Member unless the material originated from the Bargaining Unit Member.
- B. Anecdotal records are records not contained in the Bargaining Unit Member's personnel file or files. The parties agree that anecdotal records may be kept in

preparation for completing performance evaluations. The Bargaining Unit Member will initial or be provided a copy of any anecdotal note at the time it is originated or as soon as practical thereafter. If the note is not initialed or provided to the Bargaining Unit Member, it shall be considered meaningless. All such notes shall be given to the Bargaining Unit Member at the time the subsequent performance evaluation report is completed.

- C. Supervisory files, including any such notes, will be purged within thirty (30) days after completion of the performance evaluation to which they pertain, unless an appeal is filed or retention of the files is necessary for a non-supervisory purpose. Upon request of the Bargaining Unit Member, anecdotal records, including memos or letters of instruction or expectation, older than two years may be removed from the Bargaining Unit Member's files at management's option.
- D. Before releasing information pertaining to incidents in the facilities to the media, or to the public at large, the Employer will redact Bargaining Unit Members' names and blur faces, if, in the Employer's judgment, such redactions are allowable under applicable law, including the Public Records Act.

27.2 Association Review

An Association Official shall have the right to examine any Bargaining Unit Member's personnel file, anecdotal record, supervisory file, or any personnel record as a function of that person's role as exclusive representative of the Bargaining Unit Member, provided that the Bargaining Unit Member has granted authorization in accordance with AS 39.25.080. The Employer will make available original material, or copies of the original material, for examination by the Association Representative at the place where the personnel file, anecdotal record, supervisory file, or any personnel record is kept.

27.3 No Secret Files

No secret files shall be kept on any employee and the location of all files containing personnel records shall be made known to an employee upon request.

27.4 Confidential Information

The Association agrees that all nonpublic personnel information (per AS 39.25.080) provided to it by the Employer shall be used only for purposes related to the execution of the Agreement; and that the Association shall be responsible for the protection and security of information provided. Confidential pre-hire information shall not be a part of the official personnel file.

27.5 Anonymous Material

No unsigned or anonymous material shall be placed in a Bargaining Unit Member's personnel or anecdotal file.

ARTICLE 28 - EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT AND TRAINING

A. Employee Initiated Requests

1. Reimbursement for all or part of costs incurred for career improvement training or education may be obtained, provided that the training or education is job related, has prior written approval of the Employer, and the Employer determines that fiscal resources for training and education are available.
 2. Career improvement training or educational opportunity approved by the Employer of less than ten (10) working days duration shall normally be at no loss of annual leave or pay. Courses extending more than ten (10) working days are subject to cooperative Employer-employee financial and leave arrangements, which may include the retention of accrued leave when approved by the Employer.
 3. The Employer's prior written approval shall specify the reimbursement and leave terms and amounts.
- B. In order to encourage Bargaining Unit Members to seek additional education and/or specialized training, the Employer agrees that when operationally practical the Employer will continue to make necessary adjustments to the Bargaining Unit Member's work schedule to permit attendance for educational pursuits.
- C. The Employer agrees that, when practicable, it will develop "in house" employee training and encourage on-the-job training and cross-training. Assignment of such training opportunities will be made as equitably as possible within fiscal and staff limitations.
- D. The Department will post the Training Academy schedule at each facility and office at which Bargaining Unit Members are employed. The Department will endeavor to update the Academy schedule on a semi-annual basis. The Association will be furnished a copy of the schedule at the time of each posting. The Department will make available to Bargaining Unit Members the process to apply for training, as well as the requirements and prerequisites for the classes the Bargaining Unit Members are required to complete.
- E. The Department will determine the appropriate lengths of time for certifications for recurrent training classes, such as CPR and firearms qualifications, and publish that information. A copy of this material will be furnished to the Association. The Department is responsible for updating lesson plans and furnishing a copy to the appropriate personnel providing the training.

ARTICLE 29 - LEGAL INDEMNIFICATION

29.1 General

- A. Definitions: Providing a legal defense means that the Employer appoints at its expense counsel to represent a Bargaining Unit Member in a legal action.

Indemnification means the Employer's payment of a judgment or legal obligation that a Bargaining Unit Member incurred as a result of the Bargaining Unit Member's duties for the Employer.

- B. Claims against a Bargaining Unit Member as a state employee: In legal actions under AS 09.50.250 against a Bargaining Unit Member, AS 09.50.253 provides for certification by the Attorney General and for the action to proceed exclusively against the State if the action arose from conduct within the scope of the Bargaining Unit Member's employment. A request for certification under AS 09.50.253 is made as provided in AS 09.50.253 and 9 AAC 33.010 and is not subject to the grievance arbitration procedure in Article 16 of this Agreement.
- C. Claims against a Bargaining Unit Member under a federal or state law expressly authorizing a claim against a State official: If AS 09.50.253 does not apply because federal or state law expressly authorizes an action against a Bargaining Unit Member, the Employer will provide a legal defense and indemnify the Bargaining Unit Member as provided in sections 29.2 - 29.7.

29.2 Providing a Legal Defense

The Employer will provide a legal defense to a Bargaining Unit Member named as a defendant or respondent in a legal action if the Bargaining Unit Member was acting within the scope of the Bargaining Unit Member's office or employment at the time of the incident out of which the action arose as follows: the Bargaining Unit Member shall have the right to counsel; however, the Employer shall have the right to determine which attorney will represent the Bargaining Unit Member. If the Bargaining Unit Member objects to the attorney provided by the Employer, the following process for selection of a defense attorney shall prevail: The Commissioner of the Department of Corrections and the Attorney General shall meet with the Bargaining Unit Member and/or a representative of the Association in an effort to select an attorney who shall represent the Bargaining Unit Member. The Attorney General shall make the final decisions; except, if in consultation with the Bargaining Unit Member or his/her representative, the Attorney General determines that, due to an actual or potential conflict of interest, he/she or his/her representative cannot adequately defend both the Employer and the Bargaining Unit Member, he/she shall select an attorney from outside the Attorney General's Office to represent the Bargaining Unit Member; such selection shall be subject to the approval of the Bargaining Unit Member or his/her representative.

29.3 Indemnification

A Bargaining Unit Member charged in any civil action in the performance of his/her duties as required by the Employer shall not lose his/her position, pay or benefits. The Employer will indemnify a Bargaining Unit Member for a judgment or legal obligation if the judgment or legal obligation arose from the Bargaining Unit Member's action within the scope of the Bargaining Unit Member's office or employment except as provided in 29.6. The Employer may provide a legal defense without assuming the obligation to indemnify the Bargaining Unit Member by notifying the Bargaining Unit Member in writing that it is reserving its right to deny payment of the judgment or obligation under this section.

29.4 Scope of Office or Employment

The Bargaining Unit Member is acting within the scope of the Bargaining Unit Member's office or employment if:

- a. the Bargaining Unit Member was employed or authorized to perform the act or omission;
- b. the act or omission occurred substantially within the authorized space or time of the office or employment;
- c. a purpose of the act or omission was to serve the State; and
- d. the act or omission did not constitute willful, reckless, or intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or malicious conduct.

29.5 Disputes

The Employer's decision to withhold a legal defense or indemnification is subject to review by complaint for breach of contract in the superior court of this State and is not subject to the grievance arbitration procedure in Article 16 of this Agreement.

29.6 Punitive Damages

The Employer will not indemnify a Bargaining Unit Member for a judgment against the Bargaining Unit Member for punitive damages.

29.7 Criminal Charges

If a Bargaining Unit Member is charged criminally for acts committed by him or her in the course of or discharge of their duties and in the scope of their employment, the Bargaining Unit Member shall be entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs and attorney's fees if the Bargaining Unit Member is acquitted or the charges dropped, providing that such charges do not result from the willful commission of wrongful acts or gross negligence of the Bargaining Unit Member. Disputes involving entitlements of a Bargaining Unit Member to reimbursement or the amount of costs and fees to be borne by the Employer, relating to this section, shall be submitted to the grievance arbitration procedure.

ARTICLE 30 - CONCLUSION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

The Agreement expressed herein in writing constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no oral statement shall add to or supersede any of its provisions. The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations which preceded this Agreement, each had the unlimited right and opportunity to make proposals with respect to any subject or matter not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and that the understandings and agreements arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this Agreement. Each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waives the right, and each agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to

any subject or matter not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subjects or matters may not have been with the knowledge or contemplation of either or both the parties at the time they negotiated and signed this Agreement. The parties further agree that, notwithstanding the above Section, maintenance of contract matters, should they develop, may be negotiated under the supplemental agreement provision.

ARTICLE 31 - SAVINGS AND SEPARABILITY

31.1 Savings Clause

- A. Violations: If an Article or part of an Article of this Agreement should be decided by a court of competent jurisdiction or the Alaska Labor Relations Agency or by mutual agreement of the Employer and the Association to be in violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or if adherence to or enforcement of an Article or part of an Article should be restrained by a court of law, the remaining Articles of this Agreement shall not be affected.
- B. Replacement: If a determination or decision is made that any part of this Agreement is in violation of Federal, State, or local law, the parties to this Agreement shall convene within fifteen (15) calendar days for the purpose of negotiating a satisfactory replacement.
- C. Federal Regulations: Should this Agreement or any section or Article be found in violation of Federal regulations where compliance is required for receipt of federal funds, the Employer and the Association agree to convene within fifteen (15) calendar days and renegotiate the section or Article to comply with such regulations.

ARTICLE 32 - SUPERSEDING EFFECT OF THIS AGREEMENT

32.1 Superseding Effect of this Agreement

If there is conflict between the terms of this Agreement and any Personnel Memoranda or rules of the merit system, the terms of this Agreement shall supersede those memoranda or rules in their application to the Bargaining Unit.

32.2 Supplemental Agreement

This Agreement may be amended by supplemental agreements at any time during the life of this Agreement. Should either party desire to negotiate a matter of this kind, it shall notify the other party in writing of its desire to and of the specific subjects it wishes to negotiate. Authorized Employer and Association representatives will sign supplemental agreements thus completed. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties, supplemental agreements shall remain in effect for the duration of the Agreement.

32.3 Conditions Not Specifically Covered

In the event of any enactment by the Legislature, which creates conditions not specifically covered by this Agreement, the parties agree to confer immediately for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory supplement covering such action. Such supplement shall become part of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 33 - LEGISLATIVE ACTION

- A. The parties acknowledge that implementation of the monetary terms of this Agreement is subject to AS 23.40.215. The Employer shall submit the required legislation at the earliest possible date and both parties shall support its passage. If the monetary terms of the Agreement are rejected by the Legislature, the parties shall immediately reenter negotiations to be conducted in accordance with AS 23.40.215.
- B. The Employer shall be held free of penalty pay or other punitive action for the ninety (90) day period following the date funds become available subsequent to legislative appropriation for the funding of this Agreement, except those payments which would have been required under the predecessor Agreement.
- C. Provisions of this Agreement not requiring legislative funding before they can be put into effect shall be implemented on the effective date of this Agreement or the date otherwise specified in the Agreement.

ARTICLE 34 - PRINTING OF THE AGREEMENT

The parties agree that no later than thirty (30) days after the execution of this Agreement representatives of the Employer and the Association will meet and mutually agree on the finalized version of the Agreement. The Employer shall reduce the Agreement to writing and will provide the Association with the completed document in Word format electronically (e-mail) within thirty (30) days of the agreed upon specifications. The Association will review the document for accuracy and notify the Employer of any discrepancies that may be found within thirty (30) days. After any discrepancies are resolved, the Association and the Employer shall each post the Agreement to their respective websites. Additionally, copies may be printed by either party as desired. The Employer is not responsible for distribution of the Agreement to the Association membership.

ARTICLE 35 - VERBAL OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT

No Bargaining Unit Member covered by this Agreement shall be asked or required to make any written or verbal agreement that may in any way conflict with this Agreement.

ARTICLE 36 - AVAILABILITY OF PARTIES TO EACH OTHER

The parties agree that representatives of the Association and the Employer shall meet at reasonable times for discussions of this Agreement, its interpretations, continuation, or modification. Both parties agree that an obligation to meet expeditiously and in good faith exists. This provision is established for the purpose of facilitating two-way communications.

ARTICLE 37 - DURATION OF THE AGREEMENT

The Agreement will remain in full force and effect from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2027. Either party may give the other party written notice during the period September 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026, of its desire to negotiate a successor Agreement. The parties will schedule the first bargaining session to begin no later than November 15, 2026. Prior to the first session, the Chief Spokesperson from each party shall meet to discuss ground rules to be utilized throughout the negotiation process.

For the Association:

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Memorandum

To: Lacey Sanders, Director
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From: Rachel Witty
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Date: Feb 13, 2026

Subject: **Monetary terms of the 2026 Wage Reopener Interest Arbitration Award for the Alaska Correctional Officer Association's Collective Bargaining Agreement (Effective July 1, 2024-June 30, 2027)**

The negotiations process with the Alaska Correctional Officer Association for provisions covering the third year of wages in their collective bargaining agreement (effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027) culminated in an interest arbitration award issued by Arbitrator Stanley Michelstetter. **If approved by the Legislature, the monetary terms of this agreement become effective on July 1, 2026.**

I. Terms Requiring Appropriation.

Effective July 1, 2026, or prospectively beginning in the next pay period following receipt of the necessary legislative approval, whichever is latest, the wage scale in effect on July 1, 2025 shall increase by Five percent (5%), by an additional Two percent (2%) on December 31, 2026, and by an additional One percent (1%) on June 30, 2027.

II. Change in State Revenues.

No term of this agreement would result in a change to State revenues.

III. Change in Productive Work Hours.

No term of this agreement would result in a change to productive work hours.

IV. Terms addressing employee compensation, not requiring appropriation.

No term of this agreement would result in a change to employee compensation not requiring appropriation.

This report of monetary terms is consistent with the requirements of the Public Employment Relations Act. Please forward these monetary terms to the Legislature in accordance with AS 23.40.215.

Enclosures:

Interest Arbitration Award issued on 12/02/2025
Tentative Agreement

cc: The Honorable Gary Stevens, Senate President, Alaska State Legislature
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