

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil No. 12-2039 (FAB)

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, *et*
al.,

Defendants.

**ORDER STAYING SCHEDULED PUERTO RICO POLICE
SERGEANT PROMOTIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

The Court has become aware that the Promotion Board of the Puerto Rico Police (PRP) conducted a promotional examination on December 13 and 29, 2025 as part of the process to assess officers for promotion to the rank of Sergeant. The pass rate for these examinations was extraordinarily low, significantly lower than the typical pass rate than previous PRP promotional examinations. The Court finds this unprecedented failure rate unacceptable and inconsistent with the goals of the PRP reform efforts.

Accordingly, the following is ORDERED:

1. The Monitor and the Special Master shall conduct a review of the substance and the administration of the examination, to include the work of outside consulting entities and the efforts of the PRP Promotional Board. In support of this review, the Commonwealth shall provide both the Monitor and the Special Master

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with all requested relevant information and documents in a timely manner.

2. All scheduled promotion examinations for the rank of Sergeant are stayed. No Sergeant's promotional examination will be administered until the Monitor and the Special Master have completed their review briefed the Court on their findings, and the Court orders that the examination may take place.

3. This Order shall not affect the promotional process of the candidates who indeed approved the Exam.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 14, 2026.

s/ Francisco A. Besosa
FRANCISCO A. BESOSA
SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE