The meeting was called to order by Chair P. Kelly Hatfield.

Present were:

Commissioners:

John Bonanni
Paul Boudreau
John Eskilson
David Jones
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel
David N. Gambert, Deputy General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
Kellie Hullfish, who acted as Stenographer

At the commencement of the meeting, Chair Hatfield, pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, entered this announcement into the minutes of the meeting:

Adequate notice has been provided by the dissemination of a written “Annual Notice of Meeting.” On December 18, 2014 a copy of such notice was:

(a) prominently posted in a public place at the offices of the Public Employment Relations Commission;

(b) sent to the business offices of the Trenton Times and the Courier Post, as well as to the State House press row addresses of 25 media outlets;

© copies e-mailed to the Secretary of State for filing; and

(d) posted on the agency’s web site.

Furthermore on April 16, 2015, copies of an additional written “Notice of Meeting” were posted and sent in a similar manner.
The Chair commented on the successfulness of the Mediator and Fact-Finder Continuing Education Program held on April 20, 2015 at the New Jersey Law Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

The Counsel’s Office distributed a monthly report.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes of the March 26, 2015 regular Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Bonanni and seconded by Commissioner Boudreau. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The first case for consideration was City of Newark and Fraternal Order of Police, Newark Lodge No. 12, Docket Nos. CO-2013-248, CO-2013-363 and CO-2014-204. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Eskilson seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Somerset Hills Board of Education and Somerset Hills Education Association, Docket No. SN-2014-110. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Voos).
The next case for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Education Association, Docket No. SN-2015-005. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Education Association, Docket No. SN-2015-009. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Plainfield and FMBA Local 7, Docket No. SN-2015-011. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of four in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau and Eskilson), and two opposed (Jones and Voos).

Commissioner Voos made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015.