

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
June 25, 2015
10:00 a.m.
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

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

Present were:

Commissioners:

Paul Boudreau
John Eskilson
David Jones
Paula Voos
Richard Wall

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel
David N. Gambert, Deputy General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Acting General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
Annette Thompson, 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;

(c) copies e-mailed to the Secretary of State for filing; and

(d) posted on the agency's web site.

Furthermore on June 19, 2015, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted and sent in a similar manner.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes of the May 21, 2015 regular Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Eskilson and seconded by Commissioner Voos. Commissioner Wall was not present at this meeting and will abstain from voting. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of four in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson and Voos), and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The Chair introduced Melissa Chu who is the new Commission Case Administrator. Melissa comes to us from the law firm of Wilkes & McHugh and is a graduate of John J. College with a criminal justice degree, and she is also a certified paralegal.

Deputy General Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro advised the Commissioners that they are due for their annual ethics training. Please go to the State Ethics Commission website and review the training module for special state officers. Please complete the training and forward the receipt that is generated after completion to Ms. Lucarelli's email.

The Counsel's Office distributed a monthly report.

The first case for consideration was Borough of Oakland and PBA Local 164, Docket No. IA-2014-044. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. Commissioner Wall is recused from voting on this matter because of his affiliation with the PBA. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair

Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau and Eskilson), and two opposed (Commissioners Jones and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Council of New Jersey State College Locals, AFL-CIO and Mary Roman, Docket No. CI-2014-047. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Commissioner Eskilson is recused from voting on this matter because the County of Sussex could have potential litigation with the Mets, Schiro & McGovern law firm who also represents one of the parties in this matter. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Jones, Voos and Wall).

The next case for consideration was Central Regional Board of Education and Central Regional Bus Drivers Association, Docket No. CO-2012-345. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall).

The next case for consideration was Trenton Board of Education and Trenton Educational Secretaries Association, Docket Nos. CU-2014-002 & CO-2014-028. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion.

Under Docket No. CU-2014-002 the motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Voos and Wall), and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

Under Docket No. CU-2014-028 the motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall).

The next case for consideration was Belleville Board of Education and Belleville Education Association, Docket No. CO-2014-149. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Eskilson seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall), and one opposed (Commissioner Boudreau).

The next case for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Education Association, Docket No. SN-2015-021. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall).

The next case for consideration was North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District Board of Education and North Hunterdon-Voorhees Education Association, Docket No. SN-2015-023. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. Commissioner Wall abstained from voting. Commissioner Boudreau stated for the record that the law firm of Riker Danzig is a member of the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The last case for consideration was Borough of Carlstadt and Carlstadt Department of Public Works Benevolent Association, Docket No. SN-2015-024. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Voos and Wall), and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The next matter for consideration was Ratification of Readoption of Appeal Board Rules, N.J.A.C. 19:17. Commissioner Jones made a motion to readopt the rules and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall).

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015.