MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
May 25, 2017
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:

John Eskilson
David Jones
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Robin McMahon, General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Senior Deputy General Counsel
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel
David 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 22, 2016 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 May 19, 2017, 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 April 27, 2017 regular Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Eskilson and seconded by Commissioner Voos. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Eskilson and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The Chair reported that PERC’s Mediation/Fact-Find/Super-Conciliator Continuing Education Program held on May 22, 2017 at the Law Center in New Brunswick, New Jersey was a huge success. She received a lot of positive feedback on the program.

The Counsel’s Office distributed a monthly report.

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in IFPTE Local 195 and State of New Jersey (Kean University), CO-2016-033. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The Chair called for discussion, at which point Commissioner Jones suggested that the draft decision be changed. After discussion, Commissioner Jones moved to amend the draft decision to delete footnote 2 on page 2 and to insert the content of that footnote after the first sentence of the last paragraph of the decision above the order. Commissioner Eskilson seconded the motion to amend. The Chair then called the question of adopting the draft decision to delete footnote 2, page 2 and to insert its content after the first sentence of the last paragraph of the decision above the order.
The motion to adopt the draft decision as amended was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Township of Hanover and PBA Local 128, Docket No. SN-2017-026. Commissioner Eskilson was recused from voting on this matter because of recent business dealings with the Trimboli law firm. With that, this case is being held over due to a lack of quorum.

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Passaic County Superintendent of Elections and CWA Local 1032 and County of Passaic, Docket No. SN-2017-029. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Chair Hatfield seconded the motion. The Chair called for discussion, at which point Commissioner Jones moved to amend the draft decision to strike the second to the last paragraph above the order, which paragraph begins with "Likewise." Commissioner Voos seconded the motion to amend. The Chair then called the question of adopting the draft decision to strike the second to the last paragraph above the order, which paragraph begins with "Likewise." The motion to adopt the draft decision as amended was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Eskilson, Jones and Voos).
The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Middlesex Board Education and Middlesex Education Association, Docket No. SN-2017-037. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The final item for consideration was the draft decision in Brookdale Community College and COP Lodge 79, Docket No. SN-2017-027. 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 Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Eskilson seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 29, 2017.