

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
June 29, 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 Bonanni  
Paul Boudreau  
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  
Joseph Blaney, 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 June 23, 2017, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted and sent in a similar manner.

The Chair reported that Commissioner Wall has resigned from the Commission pursuant to the following email, which he sent to her on June 28, 2017:

My current job does not give me the time to take off to attend the PERC meetings so I have to officially resign from my position as Commissioner effective immediately. I want to thank you, the PERC staff, and everybody involved with PERC for making my time there enjoyable. My fellow Commissioners are professional and knowledgeable and I have learned much from them. I will miss the monthly meetings as I have enjoyed attending them. The staff for PERC is one of the most professional, knowledgeable, and helpful, I have come across in my 25 years in government service. They should be proud of the service they provide. Thank you so much for your understanding in this matter.

The Counsel's Office distributed a monthly report.

Commissioner Eskilson arrived at the meeting at this time, 10:15 a.m.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes of the May 25, 2017 regular Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Chair Hatfield and seconded by Commissioner Eskilson. Commissioners Bonanni and Boudreau were not present at that meeting and, on that basis, declined to vote on those minutes. 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 next item for consideration was the draft decision in Township of Barnegat and Barnegat Township PBA Local 296, Docket

No. SN-2017-019. Commissioner Boudreau 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 Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones). Commissioner Jones indicated that he would have voted in favor of that part of the order denying the request for a restraint of binding arbitration.

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Township of Hanover and PBA Local No. 128, SN-2017-026. This case was held over from the May 25, 2017 Commission meeting due to a lack of quorum. The Chair indicated that no action will be taken on this matter because the underlying grievance was withdrawn and the scope petition has been withdrawn as a result.

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in New Jersey Transit and PBA Local 304, Docket No. IA-2017-004. Commissioner Jones 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 item for consideration was the draft decision in Somerset Hills Board of Education and Somerset Hills Education Association, Docket No. CO-2012-349. Commissioner Eskilson 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 (Commissioners Jones and Voos).

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Fort Lee Board of Education and Fort Lee Education Association, Docket No. CO-2015-231. Commissioner Voos moved to amend the draft decision to affirm the hearing examiner's recommended decision on all counts. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The Chair called the vote on the motion to amend, which failed by a vote of two in favor (Commissioners Voos and Jones) and four opposed (Chair Hatfield and Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau and Eskilson). Commissioner Boudreau then 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 Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Queen City Academy Charter School and Queen City Education Association, Docket Nos. CO-2016-200 and CO-2017-007. 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 Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Voos).

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in City of Plainfield and Plainfield Fire Officers Association,

Docket No. CO-2016-216. Commissioner Jones 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 final item for consideration was the draft decision in Sterling Board of Education and Sterling Education Association, Docket No. SN-2017-031. Commissioner Bonanni 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 Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

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, August 17, 2017.