

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
October 26, 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
David Jones
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Robin McMahon, General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Senior Deputy General Counsel
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel
Joseph Blaney, 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) e-mailed to the business offices of the Trenton Times and the Courier Post;
- (c) e-mailed to the Secretary of State for filing; and
- (d) posted on the agency's web site.

Furthermore on October 20, 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 August 17, 2017 Commission meeting. Commissioner Bonanni moved the minutes and Chair Hatfield seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The Chair reported that the PERC Symposium was a success with approximately 350 attendees. Arbitrator Martin Scheinman gave an engaging presentation.

The Counsel's Office distributed a monthly report.

The first case for consideration was the draft decision in Borough of Milltown and OPEIU Local 32, Docket No. SN-2017-050. 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, Jones and Voos).

The next case for consideration was the draft decision in Ridgefield Park Board of Education and Ridgefield Park Education Association, Docket Nos. SN-2017-047 and SN-2017-056. Commissioner Voos suggested amending the Order of the draft decision to clarify the first sentence of section "B." Specifically, rather than the phrase "except to the extent that the Board declined a request by the Association," the phrase would instead provide "except to the extent that the Association

requested....” Commissioner Bonanni moved to amend the draft decision as suggested by Commissioner Voos, and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion to amend. The motion to amend the draft decision so that the first sentence of “B” of the Order reads, “The Board’s request for a restraint of binding arbitration is granted except to the extent that the Association requested to negotiate over the timing and amount of recoupment of underpaid employee health insurance premium contributions for the 2014-2018 CNA was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners, Bonanni, Jones and Voos).

Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision as amended and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision as amended was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones and Voos).

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Trenton Board of Education and Trenton Education Association, Docket No. CO-2015-193. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Chair Hatfield seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision resulted in a tie vote of two in favor (Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Bonanni) and two opposed (Commissioner’s Jones and Voos). Therefore the Director of Unfair Practices decision, D.U.P. No. 2018-1, stands as the final agency decision in this matter.

The next item for consideration was the draft decision in Moonachie Board of Education and Moonachie Education Association, Docket Nos. SN-2017-048 and SN-2017-049. Commissioners Boudreau and Eskilson are not present at this meeting. The Commission determined to hold this matter for consideration at its next meeting of November 30, 2017 due to these absences and because Commissioner Voos stated that she was abstaining from voting on this item.

The last item for consideration was the draft decision in Trenton Board of Education and Trenton School Custodian Association, Docket No. SN-2018-004. 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, Jones and Voos).

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 30, 2017.