

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
October 25, 2018
10:00 a.m.
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joel M. Weisblatt.

Present were:

Commissioners:

Paul Boudreau
David Jones
Pasquale Papero
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Acting General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Senior Deputy General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
Kellie Hullfish, who acted as Stenographer

At the commencement of the meeting, Chair Weisblatt, 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 21, 2017 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 19, 2018, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted and sent in a similar manner.

Chair Weisblatt opened the meeting introducing the newest Commission member, Commissioner Pat Papero. The Chair stated that on September 27, 2018, the Senate voted to confirm Commissioner Papero to fill the vacant Employee Organization seat. The Chair stated that we are making progress toward the full population of the panel and that four other nominations are currently pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The Chair reported that the agency has filed a Motion to Dismiss, on behalf of all PERC defendants, in the Ann Smith law suit in Federal District Court. He stated that all filings have been completed as to the current phase of the litigation and an oral argument is scheduled for December 7, 2018.

The Chair conveyed the continued advancement of reaching a full compliment of professional staff, and that interviews and selections have been progressing with a careful and efficient pace. He indicated that full staffing is important because there are substantial indications that our caseload is growing at an accelerated pace, and there is a constant need to professionally and efficiently service the disputes pending with the agency.

The first item for consideration was the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Jones moved the minutes and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes were approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Papero and Voos) and one abstention (Commissioner Jones).

The first case for consideration was West Orange Board of Education and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 68-68A-68B, AFL-CIO, Docket No. CO-2014-223. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Boudreau, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Jefferson Township Board of Education and Jefferson Township Education Association, Docket No. CU-2017-028. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Boudreau, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Jersey City and Jersey City Public Employees, Inc., Local 245, Docket No. RO-2018-042. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Boudreau, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Mahwah Board of Education and Mahwah Education Association, Docket No. SN-2017-032. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. Commissioner Boudreau was recused from voting on this matter because a managing partner

of the law firm Schenck, Price, Smith and King is on the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of four in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Jones, Papero and Voos).

The last case for consideration was Secaucus Board of Education and Secaucus Education Association, Docket No. SN-2018-042. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Boudreau and Papero) and two opposed (Commissioners Jones and Voos).

Chair Weisblatt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Voos made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018.