

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
December 20, 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:

John Bonanni
David Jones
Pasquale Papero
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Acting General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Senior 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 December 14, 2018, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted and sent in a similar manner.

The first item for consideration was the minutes of the November 29, 2018 meeting. Commissioner Voos moved the minutes and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes were approved by a vote of four in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Papero and Voos) and one abstention (Commissioner Jones).

Chair Weisblatt reported that it has been only three weeks since the last Commission meeting and the brevity of his report reflected that narrow time frame. He advised that in January, PERC is expecting two new deputy general counsels to start, which will be an important step toward properly staffing the agency. He further advised that counsel staff has done an outstanding job despite being terribly short-handed of late, and the caseload in many areas continues to grow swiftly and reaching necessary staffing levels continue to be a substantial priority.

The Chair further noted that the Smith lawsuit continues to evolve procedurally and will be addressed in detail at the January meeting, probably in executive session. He also noted that the Commissioners were recently served in an additional law suit, similar to Smith, involving employee(s) of the Township of Lakewood and AFSCME, which will also be briefed at the January meeting.

The most recent legislative calendar does not reveal any scheduled meetings for the Senate Judiciary Committee so there is nothing new on that front.

The first case for consideration was City of Newark and Newark Police Superior Officers' Association, Docket No. CO-2017-269. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Hoboken and Hoboken Municipal Employees Association, Docket No. CO-2018-222. Senior Deputy General Counsel Don Horowitz recused himself from the discussion since he served as Commission Designee for the interim relief decision. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was County of Bergen and United Service Workers Union, Local 755, IUJAT, Docket No. SN-2019-001. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was County of Hudson and Hudson County Superior Officers Association, PBA Local 109A, Docket No. SN-2019-008. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Papero was recused from voting on this matter because of his affiliation with the PBA. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones and Voos).

The last item on the agenda is the Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings for 2019. Commissioner Jones moved this item and Commissioner Bonanni seconded this item. The Commissioners were advised that the March 20, 2019 meeting is a Wednesday. It was brought to the Commission's attention that the November 21, 2019 meeting is the last day of the League of Municipalities Conference which is scheduled November 19 through 21. The Commission made the decision to mark the November meeting as "to be determined" and a date will be determined later in the year. The motion to adopt the notice was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones, Papero and Voos).

Chair Weisblatt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bonanni 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,
January 17, 2019.