MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 25, 2019
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
Paul Boudreau
David Jones
Pasquale Papero
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Senior Deputy General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
John Boppert, Deputy General Counsel
Ramiro Perez, 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 20, 2018 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) posted on the agency’s web site.

Furthermore on April 18, 2019, 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 March 20, 2019 meeting. Commissioner Papero moved the minutes and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Papero and Voos) and one abstention (Commissioner Jones).

Chair Weisblatt started the Chair’s report with a reminder about the annual Public Sector Labor Law Conference, scheduled for April 26, 2019 at the Hilton Hotel in East Brunswick. It marks the fiftieth anniversary of PERC. He stated that the turnout looks very good with five hundred plus attendees.

Chair Weisblatt commended Mary Beth Hennessy Shotter, Director of Conciliation and Arbitration and Arbitrator James Mastriani on their outstanding mediation skills during the Rutgers negotiations, assisting the parties to resolve their dispute.

General Counsel Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro reminded the Commissioners that their Financial Disclosure Statement is due by May 15, 2019.

The Counsel’s Office distributed a monthly report.

The first case for consideration was City of Linden and Teamsters Local 469, Docket No. CO-2015-101. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously
approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Orange Township and PBA Local 89, Docket No. CO-2018-162. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Jones 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 by a vote of five in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Jones and Voos) and one recusal (Commissioner Papero).

The next case for consideration was Southampton Township Board of Education and Southampton Township Education Association, Docket No. CO-2018-269. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Jones and Papero), and one abstention (Commissioner Voos).

The next case for consideration was Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education and Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Education Association, Docket No. SN-2018-048. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Jones, Papero and Voos).
The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (State Police) and State Troopers Fraternal Association, Docket No. SN-2019-009. Commission Papero 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 Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau and Papero), one opposed (Commissioner Jones) and one abstention (Commission Voos).

The next case for consideration was Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and FOP Lodge 164, Superior Officers Association, Docket No. SN-2019-035. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Voos was recused from voting on this matter because she is employed by Rutgers. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni and Boudreau), two voted against this decision (Commissioners Jones and Papero), and one recusal (Commissioner Voos).

The last case for consideration was Township of Edison and AFSCME, Council 73, Local 3269, Docket No. SN-2018-043. Chair Weisblatt stated that this case has been pulled from the agenda. The union withdrew the grievance, and the employer withdrew its scope of negotiations petition.
Chair Weisblatt asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. 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 meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 30, 2019.