

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
June 30, 2022
10:00 a.m. by Phone
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

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

Present were:

Commissioners:

John Bonanni
Craig Ford
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel
John Boppert, Deputy General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
Ramiro Perez, Deputy General Counsel
Grace Xanthacos, 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, 2021 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 June 23, 2022, 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 May 26, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Bonanni moved the minutes and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos).

The Chair acknowledged receipt of Commissioner Jones' letter of resignation, effective June 28, 2022. The Chair recognized Commissioner Jones' long-term, dedicated, and passionate service to PERC and thanked him for that commitment.

The Chair also noted that the Agency was in the process of filling vacancies in both professional and support staff positions to continue to meet its mission to provide efficient and effective dispute resolution. The new demands of recent statutory revisions will be met by anticipated additions to the staff.

Finally, the Chair reported that the Commission will return to in-person regular meetings beginning with the meeting scheduled for August 18, 2022.

General Counsel Lucarelli-Carneiro stated that the Commission's In the Matter of Hudson County case was affirmed by the Appellate Division, and also noted several interesting non-Commission court cases issued by that court.

The first case for consideration was State of New Jersey and New Jersey Superior Officers Law Enforcement Association, Docket No. IA-2022-005. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Ford and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Bonanni).

The next case for consideration was County of Essex and CWA Local 1081 and Alexis T. Miller, Docket No. CI-2022-004. 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, Ford and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Township of Jackson and Daniel J. Burke, Docket No. CI-2020-023. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Orange Township and PBA Local 89, Docket No. CO-2018-087. 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, Ford and Voos).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bonanni made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos). The meeting was then adjourned.

A special meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 4, 2022. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 18, 2022.