

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
December 15, 2022
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
Craig Ford
Pasquale Papero

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 January 19, 2022 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 December 7 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 November 22, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Bonanni moved the minutes and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, and Papero).

The Chair's report focused on some personnel matters. Chris Leavey's dedicated service and exceptional contributions, especially through the COVID pandemic, were recognized as he approached his retirement date. Also, the promotions of Ryan Ottavio and Joseph Blaney were noted in the wake of Jonathan Roth's recent retirement.

General Counsel Lucarelli-Carneiro stated that the Commission's statutory interpretation of the special disciplinary arbitration statutes, which permitted university police to use the process for qualifying suspensions and terminations, was affirmed by the New Jersey Supreme Court in the DiGuglielmo case summarized in the Counsel's Report. Previously, the Commission's statutory interpretation has been reversed by the Appellate Division.

The first case for consideration was United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Local 253 and Chenicqua Sims, Docket No. CI-2022-018. Commissioner Papero 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 Papero).

The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (State Police) and State Troopers Fraternal Association, Docket No. SN-2022-034. Commissioner Papero 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 Papero).

The next case for consideration was Old Tappan Borough and PBA Local 206, Docket No. CO-2022-085. 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 Papero).

The next case for consideration was Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and AAUP-AFT, et al., Docket No. CO-2023-053. Commissioner Papero 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 Papero).

The next item for consideration of the Draft Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings for 2023. Commissioner Ford made a motion to approve the schedule and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Draft Annual Notice of Regularly Scheduled Meetings for 2023 were unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and

Papero).

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, January 26, 2023.