MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
November 20, 2014
10:00 a.m.
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Chair P. Kelly Hatfield.

Present were:

Commissioners:

Paul Boudreau
John Eskilson
David Jones
Paula Voos
Richard Wall

Also present were:

David N. Gambert, Deputy General Counsel
Mary E. Hennessy-Shotter, Deputy General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Martin R. Pachman, General Counsel
Kellie Hullfish, who acted as Stenographer

At the commencement of the meeting, Chair Hatfield, 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 14, 2014 a copy of such notice was:

(a) prominently posted in a public place at the offices of the Public Employment Relations Commission;

(b) sent to the business offices of the Trenton Times and the Courier Post, as well as to the State House press row addresses of 25 media outlets;

(c) e-mailed to the Secretary of State for filing; and

(d) posted on the agency’s web site.

Furthermore on November 14, 2014, copies of an additional written “Notice of Meeting” were posted and sent in a similar manner.
The first item on the agenda was the Minutes of the October 23, 2014 special Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Boudreau and seconded by Commissioner Voos. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Voos and Wall).

The next item on the agenda was the Minutes of the October 30, 2014 regular Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Eskilson and seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau and Eskilson) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The next item on the agenda was the Minutes of the October 30, 2014 Executive Session. A motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau and Eskilson) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The Chair reported that we will do our calendar for next years meetings at next months Commission meeting.

The Counsel’s Office distributed a monthly report.

The first case for consideration was Somerset Hills Board of Education and Somerset Hills Education Association, Docket No. CO-2011-174. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to accept the draft decision resulted in a tie vote. Three in favor (Chair
Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau and Eskilson), and three opposed (Commissioners Jones, Voos and Wall). Commissioner Voos stated she would be voting no because they are defacto Board employees.

The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (Juvenile Justice Commission) and Communications Workers of America, Local 1040, Docket No. CO-2014-129. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Voos and Wall) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The next case for consideration was City of Vineland and IBEW Local 210, Docket No. SN-2014-026. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall).

The next case for consideration was Borough of Collingswood and FOP Lodge 76, Docket No. SN-2014-050. The motion to accept the draft decision resulted in a tie vote. Three in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau and Eskilson), and three opposed (Commissioners Jones, Voos and Wall).

The next case for consideration was Borough of Milltown and Office and Professional Employees International Union, Local 32, Docket No. SN-2014-059. Commissioner Voos moved the draft
decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Jones, Voos and Wall) and one recusal (Commissioner Eskilson). Commissioner Eskilson was recused because the County of Sussex could have potential litigation with the Mets, Schiro & McGovern law firm.

The next case for consideration was Somerset Hills Board of Education and Somerset Hills Education Association, Docket No. SN-2014-065. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones, Voos and Wall).

The last case for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Education Association, Docket No. SN-2014-073. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Boudreau, Eskilson, Voos and Wall) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

Commissioner Voos made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The was unanimously approved. The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 18, 2014.