MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
January 26, 2006
10:00 a.m.
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lawrence Henderson.

Present were:

Chairman: Lawrence Henderson

Commissioners:
Donald J. Buchanan
Peter J. DiNardo
Cheryl G. Fuller
Carla A. Katz
Matthew U. Watkins

Also present were:
Robert E. Anderson, General Counsel
Susan Galante, Special Counsel to the Chairman
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Ira Mintz, Special Assistant to the Chairman
Annette Thompson, who acted as Stenographer

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman, 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 15, 2005 a copy of such notice was:

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

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

(c) mailed to the Secretary of State for filing.

Furthermore on January 19, 2006, copies of an additional written “Notice of Meeting” were posted and mailed in a similar manner.
Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order. The first item for consideration was the minutes of the December 15, 2005 meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Fuller. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller and Watkins). Commissioner Katz abstained.

The General Counsel distributed his monthly, supplemental and annual reports. He noted the affirmance of the Commission decision in the Warren Hills case, in which the Commission held that the school board had retaliated against its bus drivers and subcontracted their work because they had just organized and elected the Association to represent them. The employer is seeking certification. He also noted the new law signed by former Governor Codey recently establishing a presumption of contractual arbitrability in grievance arbitration cases. He concluded by thanking Don Horowitz, Ira Mintz, Susan Galante, and Annette Thompson for their teamwork in successfully doing the work of the General Counsel’s Office this year.

The first case for consideration was State of New Jersey and New Jersey State Corrections Officers Association/FOP Lodge 200 and State Corrections Officers PBA Local 105 and Individuals, Docket No. CO-2006-084. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman
Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was City of Paterson and Paterson Police PBA, Local 1 and Paterson Police PBA, Local 1 Superior Officers Association, Docket Nos. CO-2005-138 & CO-2005-139. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Fuller seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey Council of American Association of University Professors Chapters, Docket Nos. CO-2005-220 & CE-2006-003. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner DiNardo seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Asbury Park Board of Education and Asbury Park Education Association, Docket No. SN-2006-017. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Katz seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).
The next case for consideration was Borough of Longport and P.B.A. Local 363, Docket No. SN-2006-027. Commissioner Buchanan moved the draft decision and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was New Jersey Transit Corporation and P.B.A. Local 304, Docket No. SN-2006-034. Commissioner Fuller moved the draft decision and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Township of Parsippany-Troy Hills and P.B.A. Local 131 and P.B.A. Local 131A (Superior Officers, Docket Nos. CO-2005-160, CO-2005-161 & CO-2006-034. Commissioner Katz moved the draft decision and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the decision was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

The next item for consideration was the proposed readoption with amendments of the Commission’s rules governing Scope of Negotiations Proceedings, N.J.A.C. 19:13-1.1 et seq. Commissioner Fuller moved that the Commission approve publication of the proposed readoption and Commissioner DiNardo seconded the
motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, DiNardo, Fuller, Katz and Watkins).

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 10:00 a.m.