

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
December 20, 2007
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:
Kirsten S. Branigan
Donald J. Buchanan
Cheryl G. Fuller
Matthew U. Watkins

Also present were:

Robert E. Anderson, General Counsel
Mary Beth Hennessy-Shotter, Staff Agent
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Staff Agent
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, 2006 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 room addresses of 25 media outlets; and

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

Furthermore on December 13, 2007, 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 November 20, 2007 meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, Fuller and Watkins). Commissioner Branigan abstained.

Chairman Henderson welcomed Kirsten S. Branigan, the new Commissioner, to the Commission and her first meeting.

The General Counsel distributed his monthly and supplemental reports.

The first case for consideration was District 1199J, NUHHCE, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, County of Hudson and Patrick Desmond, et al., Docket Nos. CI-2006-046 & CI-2006-047. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. Commissioner Fuller recused herself because she holds a paid position with Hudson County. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was City of Long Branch, FMBA Local 68 and Stephen E. Peterson, Docket Nos. CI-2007-070 & CI-2007-071. Commissioner Buchanan moved the draft decision and Commissioner Fuller seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins recused himself because he works with an attorney in the employer's law firm in connection with his employment as

Administrator of South Brunswick Township. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan and Fuller).

The next case for consideration was City of Newark and Newark Police Superior Officers' Association, Docket Nos. CO-2007-070, CO-2007-071 & CO-2007-105. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Fuller seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the portion of the decision concerning the vacation grievance was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller and Watkins). The motion to adopt the portion of the decision concerning the scuba/helicopter squad issues was approved by a vote of four in favor (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Fuller and Watkins), and one opposed (Commissioner Buchanan).

The next case for consideration was Camden County Library Commission and AFSCME, AFL-CIO, District Council 71, Docket No. RO-2007-055. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was New Jersey Turnpike Authority and IFPTE, Local 200, Docket No. SN-2007-076. Commissioner Fuller moved the draft decision and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. Commissioner Buchanan recused

himself because of his affiliation with the union. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Fuller and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (Division of State Police) and State Troopers Non-Commissioned Officers Association, Docket Nos. SN-2008-011, SN-2008-012, SN-2008-013, SN-2008-014 & SN-2008-015. Commissioner Fuller moved the draft decision and Commissioner Branigan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Borough of South River and South River P.B.A. Local 62, Docket No. SN-2008-023. Commissioner Branigan moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller and Watkins).

The Commission next considered the proposed 2008 Annual Notice of Meeting. Commissioner Buchanan moved that the Annual Notice of Meeting be approved and Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller and Watkins).

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday,
January 24, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.