

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 27, 2008
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
Pierre D. Joanis
Matthew U. Watkins

Also present were:

Mary Beth Hennessy-Shotter, Staff Agent
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Staff Agent
Ira Mintz, General Counsel
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 20, 2007 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 March 20, 2008, 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 February 28, 2008 meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Fuller and seconded by Commissioner Buchanan. Commissioner Branigan abstained because she was not in attendance at the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

Chairman Henderson welcomed Ira Mintz in his new role as General Counsel.

The General Counsel distributed his monthly and supplemental reports.

The first case for consideration was Borough of North Caldwell and Teamsters Local No. 469 and William McDaniel, Docket Nos. CI-2007-012 & CI-2007-013. Commissioner Fuller moved the draft decision and Commissioner Branigan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was New Jersey Transit and ATU Division 540 and Theodore Warfield, Docket No. CI-2008-001. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was City of Newark and Newark Police Superior Officers' Association, Docket No. CO-2007-105. Commissioner Buchanan moved the draft decision and Commissioner Branigan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was County of Passaic and Communications Workers of America AFL-CIO, Local 1032, Docket No. SN-2008-026. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Fuller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education and Matawan-Aberdeen Teachers' Association, Docket No. SN-2008-035. Commissioner Fuller moved the draft decision and Commissioner Branigan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Borough of Closter and P.B.A. Local 233, Docket No. SN-2008-054. Commissioner Branigan moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The next item for consideration was Readoption of Rules Governing Payroll Deduction Determination-Representation Fees. Commissioner Buchanan moved that the rules be readopted and Commissioner Fuller seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

The last item for consideration was the Reappointment of the Special Panel of Interest Arbitrators. A motion to reappoint the special panel was made by Commissioner Buchanan and seconded by Commissioner Watkins. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Branigan, Buchanan, Fuller, Joanis and Watkins).

Chairman Henderson acknowledged the dedicated and illustrious service of Bob Anderson, who recently retired as the General Counsel. He presented and read into the record a resolution in honor of Bob Anderson. The resolution was adopted by acclamation.

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, April 24, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.