

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
October 30, 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:  
Donald J. Buchanan  
Pierre D. Joanis  
Matthew U. Watkins

Also present were:

Mary E. Hennessy-Shotter, Deputy General Counsel  
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel  
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel  
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 room addresses of 25 media outlets; and

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

Furthermore on October 23, 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 September 25, 2008

meeting. There was no quorum to vote on the minutes so they were tabled until the November 25, 2008 meeting.

Chairman Henderson mentioned that the Annual League of Municipalities Conference will be held in the Atlantic City Convention Center from Tuesday, November 18 through Friday, November 21, 2008. Chairman Henderson, along with three other former Commission Chairs, will be speakers at the Conference on November 20, 2008. He extended an invitation to the Commissioners.

Chairman Henderson presented and read into the record a resolution in honor of Geraldine Glasson, Commission Case Administrator and Secretary to the Chairman, who will be retiring soon, after more than 33 years of illustrious and dedicated service with the agency. The Commissioners approved and adopted the resolution by acclamation.

The General Counsel distributed his monthly report.

The first case for consideration was Newark Housing Authority and Newark Union of Independent Special Police, Local 202, Docket No. CO-2007-378. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Joanis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Township of Rockaway and Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge No. 31, Docket No. SN-2007-054.

Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Joanis seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, Joanis and Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Township of Weehawken and Weehawken Police Benevolent Association, Local No. 15, Docket No. SN-2008-078. Commissioner Buchanan moved the draft decision and Commissioner Joanis seconded the motion. Commissioner Watkins commented that he recognizes the Commission is following well-established precedent in this case, but nonetheless he wanted to register his disagreement. The motion was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan and Joanis), and one opposed (Commissioner Watkins).

The next case for consideration was Lumberton Township Board of Education and Lumberton Township Education Association, Docket No. SN-2009-002. Commissioner Joanis moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, Joanis and Watkins).

The last case for consideration was Township of Barnegat and Teamsters Local No. 35, Docket No. SN-2009-003. Commissioner Watkins moved the draft decision and Commissioner Buchanan seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chairman Henderson, Commissioners Buchanan, Joanis and Watkins).

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.