

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
August 17, 2012
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:

John Bonanni
Paul Boudreau
John H. Eskilson
David Jones

Also present were:

David Gambert, Deputy General Counsel
Mary E. Hennessy-Shotter, Deputy General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, Deputy General Counsel
Martin R. Pachman, General Counsel
Annette Thompson, 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 "Notice of Special Meeting."

On August 14, 2012 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, the Bergen Record, and the Camden Courier Post, as well as to the State House press room addresses of 25 media outlets;

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

(d) posted on the agency's web site.

A roll call was initiated to confirm the Commissioners that were present and participated via the telephone conference call. Commissioner Wall was not present because he was recused from voting on both cases. Commissioner Voos was not present.

The first case for consideration was the draft decision in Borough of Madison and PBA Local 92, Docket Nos. IA-2010-109 and IA-2010-110. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Eskilson seconded the motion. Commissioner Bonanni asked about the affected increases each year, and if there was an aggregate percentage for individuals that are in-step or below-step. The Chair responded she did not have that information in front of her, but could obtain that information if necessary. Commissioner Bonanni responded he does see it in words but he does not know what it is in terms of dollars and percentage. Mr. Gambert responded that when the appeal was looked at the arguments made by the Borough were reviewed and that was not one of their arguments. They focused mainly on the fact that their requested amended final offer was not accepted by the arbitrator. That was not the focus of this decision. General Counsel Pachman stated that this case was not one that falls within the 2% wage cap. Commissioner Bonanni stated that it still comes back to the fact that the entity can only go up 2%. Commissioner Jones asked Commissioner Bonanni if he was speaking about the collective bargaining group or the municipality. Commissioner Bonanni

responded that he was talking about the municipality. The Chair responded that was not part of the appeal. Mr. Pachman stated that the parties did not allege that the award would take it beyond its budget cap. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Jones).

Commissioner Jones removed himself from the meeting at this time, as he was recused from voting on the Ramsey case.

The next case on the agenda was the draft decision in Borough of Ramsey and Ramsey PBA Local No. 155, Docket No. IA-2012-015. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau and Eskilson).

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

The next special meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 6, 2012.