

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 18, 2013
10:30 p.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
Paula B. Voos

Also present were:

David Gambert, Deputy General Counsel
Mary E. Hennessy-Shotter, Deputy General Counsel
Don Horowitz, 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 April 12, 2013 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.

The first case for consideration was the draft decision in Township of Byram and PBA Local 138, Docket No. IA-2013-012 and SN-2013-045. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Eskilson had a question about the issue of the health benefit coverage not being subject to the 45 day rule. Chair Hatfield responded that this is not new, we have done this many times before prior to the new law. In the interest of good labor relations it seems like a good alternative. Deputy General Counsel Don Horowitz responded that if the arbitrator had made an award on the health insurance proposal and the award was appealed to us and we found fault with it and vacated and remanded it to the arbitrator for a new award, which we have done on other issues under the new rocket docket timetable, that would not offend the statute. The timetable would be the same as this decision is establishing. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Voos).

The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 25, 2013.