

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
February 26, 2015
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 Eskilson
David Jones
Richard Wall

Also present were:

David N. Gambert, Deputy General Counsel
Don Horowitz, Deputy General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
Kellie Hullfish, 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 "Annual Notice of Meeting." On December 18, 2014 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 and the Courier Post, as well as to the State House press row addresses of 25 media outlets;

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

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

Furthermore on February 20, 2015, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted and sent in a similar manner.

The first item on the agenda was the minutes of the January 29, 2015 regular Commission meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes was made by Commissioner Eskilson and seconded by Commissioner Boudreau. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of six in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Wall) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The Counsel's Office distributed a monthly report.

The first case for consideration was City of Newark and Fraternal Order of Police Newark Lodge No. 12, Docket Nos. CO-2013-293 & CO-2013-034. Commissioner Jones moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to accept the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Wall).

The next case for consideration was City of Paterson and International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local Union #97, Docket No. CO-2015-141. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Jones and Wall) and one recusal (Commissioner Eskilson). Commissioner Eskilson was recused because the County of Sussex could have potential litigation with the Mets, Schiro & McGovern law firm.

The next case for consideration was Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 820 and New Jersey Transit Bus Operations, Inc., Docket No. SN-2014-054. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and Commissioner Wall seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of four in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau and Wall), one opposed (Commissioner Jones) and one recusal (Commissioner Eskilson). Commissioner Eskilson was recused because the County of Sussex could have potential litigation with the Mets, Schiro & McGovern law firm.

The next case for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Education Association, Docket No. SN-2014-083. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Wall).

The next case for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and Elizabeth Education Association, Docket No. SN-2014-098. Commissioner Eskilson moved the draft decision and Commissioner Boudreau seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Wall).

The next case for consideration was North Haledon Board of Education and North Haledon Education Association, Docket No. SN-2015-002. Commissioner Boudreau moved the draft decision and

Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson, Jones and Wall).

The Chair announced to the Commissioners that in front of them is a memorandum which is a recommendation to appoint Kathleen Vogt, a mediator for PERC, for the Super Conciliation Panel for the Health Benefits Plan Design and Pension Committees. The motion to appoint Ms. Vogt was made by Commissioner Bonanni and seconded by Commissioner Wall. The motion to appointment Ms. Vogt to the panel was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Hatfield, Commissioners Bonanni, Boudreau, Eskilson and Wall) and one recusal (Commissioner Jones). Commissioner Jones recused himself because he serves on the Super Conciliation Panel for the Health Benefits Plan Design and Pension Committee.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, March 26, 2015.