

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
June 27, 2024
10:00 a.m.
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Beth Hennessy-Shotter.

Present were:

Commissioners:

Adrienne Eaton
Craig Ford
William Higgins
Barry Kushnir
Pasquale Papero

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
Ramiro Perez, Deputy General Counsel
William J. Campbell, IV, Deputy General Counsel
Grace Xanthacos, who acted as Stenographer

At the commencement of the meeting, Chair Hennessy-Shotter, 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 15, 2023 a copy of such notice was:

(a) prominently posted in a public place at the offices of the Public Employment Relations Commission;

(b) e-mailed to the business offices of the Trenton Times and the Courier Post;

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

Furthermore on June 19, 2024, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted and sent in a similar manner.

The first item for consideration was the minutes of the May 30, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Kushnir moved the minutes and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

The Chair advised the Commissioners that the annual Interest Arbitration training will be held on October 21, 2024.

The General Counsel commented on the Essex County case In re County of Essex, 2024 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 811 (Dkt. No. A-3809-22) (S. Ct. Dkt. No. 089497) and the recent amendments to OPRA.

The first case for consideration was Middlesex Board of Education and Middlesex Education Association, Docket No. CO-2024-143. Commissioner Kushnir moved the draft decision and Commissioner Paper seconded the motion. Commissioner Ford is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Oxfeld Cohen, P.C. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was the Chapter 18 Contested Transfer Readoption with Amendments. Commissioner Papero made a motion to adopt the Chapter 18 Contested Transfer Readoption with Amendments and Commissioner Kushnir seconded the motion. The motion for consideration of Chapter 18 Contested Transfer

Readoption with Amendments was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was the 2024 Interest Arbitration Biennial Report and Appendix with Memorandum from Chair Hennessy-Shotter. Commissioner Kushnir made a motion to modify the recommendations of the report and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion to modify the recommendations of the report were unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was the Resolution of Richard C. Gwin. Commissioner Ford made a motion to adopt the Resolution of Richard C. Gwin and Commissioner Kushnir seconded the motion. The motion for consideration of the Resolution of Richard C. Gwin was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

Commissioner Kushnir made a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to go into executive session was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

Commissioner Papero made a motion to return to the regular session. Commissioner Kushnir seconded the motion. The motion

to return to the regular session was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kushnir made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Higgins, Kushnir and Papero). The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 29, 2024.