

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
March 27, 2025  
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  
Barry Kushnir  
Pasquale Papero

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel  
John Boppert, Deputy General Counsel  
Frank Kanther, 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 12, 2024 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 March 19, 2025, 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 January 30, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Kushnir moved the minutes and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was the minutes of the February 27, 2025 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, Kushnir and Papero).

The Chair advised the Commissioners that she formally sought a waiver from Executive Order 225 (Christie).

The General Counsel advised the Commission that the parties settled the interest arbitration award in City of Paterson and Paterson Fire Officers' Association, FMBA Local 202, P.E.R.C. No. 2024-041, 50 NJPER 360 (¶86 2024), App. Div. Dkt. No. A-2426-23T1 just prior to the appellate argument. The General Counsel also advised that the Commission filed a brief in response to Union Township's motion for leave to appeal in Union Township Board of Education and Union Township Education Association, P.E.R.C. No. 2025-23, 51 NJPER 193 (¶49 2024), App. Div. Dkt. No. A-1505-24.

The first case for consideration was East Greenwich Board of Education and East Greenwich Education Association, Docket No. CO-2024-076. Commissioner Kushnir moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was Mainland Regional Board of Education and Mainland Regional Education Association, Docket No. SN-2025-011. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Kushnir seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was City of Jersey City and Jersey City Police Superiors Officers Association, Docket No. CO-2025-117. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Kushnir seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was Maurice River Township Education Association and Maurice River Township Board of Education, Docket No. CO-2024-144. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, Kushnir and Papero).

The next item for consideration was Communications Workers of America Local No. 1036 and New Jersey State Judiciary (Mercer), Docket No. 2024-065. Commissioner Kushnir moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Eaton, Ford, 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, Kushnir and Papero). The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 24, 2025.