

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
March 26, 2026
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:

Lindsay Davey
Adrienne Eaton
William Higgins
David Hines
Pasquale Papero

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel
John Boppert, Deputy General Counsel
William Campbell, IV, 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 18, 2025 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 18, 2026, 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 February 26, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Eaton moved the minutes and Commissioner Davey seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, Hines and Papero).

The Chair informed the Commission that the first item on the agenda settled. The Chair also reminded the Commissioners that the PERC Conference would be held on April 24, 2026.

The General Counsel advised that an appeal has been filed in the matter of Garfield Board of Education and Garfield Federation of Teachers, P.E.R.C. No. 2026-22, 52 NJPER 220 (¶59 2026).

The first case for consideration was Newark Council 21, IFPTE, AFL-CIO and Thomas H. White, Docket No. CI-2026-026. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Hines seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, Hines and Papero).

The next case for consideration was City of Camden and IAFF Local 2578, Docket No. CO-2025-118. Commissioner Davey moved the draft decision and Commissioner Eaton seconded the motion. Commissioner Hines is recused from voting on matters involving the IAFF. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, and Papero).

The next item for consideration was Ho-Ho-Kus Board of Education and Ho-Ho-Kus Education Association, Docket No. SN-2026-014. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Hines seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, Hines, and Papero).

The next item for consideration was County of Morris and PBA Local 327, Docket No. IA-2026-005. Commissioner Eaton moved the draft decision and Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion. Commissioner Papero is recused from voting on matters involving the New Jersey Policemen's Benevolent Association. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, and Hines).

The next item for consideration was South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education and South Orange-Maplewood Education Association, Docket No. SN-2026-002. Commissioner Hines moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, Hines, and Papero).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners

Davey, Eaton, Higgins, Hines, and Papero). The meeting was then adjourned.

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026.