

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
April 23, 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  
Ramiro Perez, 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) e-mailed to the Secretary of State for filing; and
- (d) posted on the agency's website

In March of 2026 a link to PERC's webpage was added to the Department of State Legal Notices Listings webpage as directed by personnel from the office of the Secretary of State.

Furthermore on April 15, 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 March 26, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Eaton moved the minutes and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, Hines and Papero).

The Chair welcomed the guests who attended the meeting in celebration of "Take Your Child to Work Day." The Chair then provided the Commissioners with an update on the recent amendments to the Act, which expand the State Board of Mediation's Authority over cannabis workers in New Jersey. Additionally, the Chair advised that she remanded a motion for special permission to appeal to the Director of Unfair Practices to develop a record to determine whether a complaint should be issued regarding the Association's 5.4(a)(3) allegations in an unfair practice charge filed by the Washington Township Education Association against the Washington Township Board of Education. Finally, the Chair reminded the Commissioners that the PERC Conference was scheduled for the following day, Friday, April 24.

The General Counsel advised that the petition for certification was denied in the matter In re City of Linwood, 2025 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 1769 (App. Div. September 29, 2025), a case involving a denial of an application for special

disciplinary arbitration on timeliness grounds. A Deputy General Counsel summarized the recent oral argument in In the Matter of James MacCarthy and Eastampton Tp. Ed. Ass'n, App. Div. Dkt. No. A-1494-24, PERC Dkt. No. CI-2023-027.

The first case for consideration was University Hospital and Kevin Porter, Docket No. CI-2026-003. Commissioner Eaton moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero 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 Trenton and PBA Local 11A SOA, Docket No. CO-2026-118. Commissioner Eaton moved the draft decision and Commissioner Davey 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 decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Eaton, Higgins, and Hines).

The next item for consideration was East Windsor Regional Board of Education and UPSEU Local 424 and Daniel Kazar, Docket No. CI-2026-030. Commissioner Hines moved the draft decision and Commissioner Davey 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 Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office and Mainland PBA Local 77 (SOA), Docket No. IA-2026-012. Commissioner Eaton moved the draft decision and Commissioner Hines 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 Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Davey made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Hines 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, May 28, 2026.