

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
May 28, 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  
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  
Kristin Ordille, 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 May 20, 2026, copies of an additional written "Notice of Meeting" were posted at PERC's Trenton office and emailed to the parties.

The first item for consideration was the minutes of the April 23, 2026 meeting. Commissioner Davey moved the minutes and Commissioner Hines seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Higgins, Hines and Papero).

The Chair thanked the Commissioners for their participation in Take Your Child to Work Day and commended the staff who volunteered to plan the programming. The Chair also thanked the Commissioners for participating in the Public Sector Labor Conference and sought feedback and suggestions for the planning committee for next year.

A Deputy General Counsel summarized the recent affirmance of a Commission decision in the matter of In re State, \_\_\_ N.J. Super. \_\_\_, 2026 N.J. Super. LEXIS 44 (App. Div. 2026), aff'g, State v. Council of N.J. State College Locals, AFT and CWA, AFL-CIO, P.E.R.C. No. 2025-25, 51 NJPER 235 (¶56 2025).

The first case for consideration was Camden County Judiciary and OPEIU Local 32 and Sylvia Cole, Docket No. CI-2026-027. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Davey seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Higgins, Hines and Papero).

The next case for consideration was South Orange-Maplewood Board of Education and South Orange-Maplewood Education Association, Docket No. SN-2026-018. 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, Higgins, Hines and Papero).

The next item for consideration was Elizabeth Board of Education and NJEA and Victoria White, Docket No. CI-2026-032. Commissioner Davey moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Higgins, Hines, and Papero).

The next item for consideration was County of Gloucester and CWA Local 1085, Docket No. SN-2026-020. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Hines seconded the motion. Commissioner Davey is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Weissman & Mintz. The motion to adopt the draft was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Higgins, Hines, and Papero).

The next item for consideration was PBA Local 77 and Christopher Leary, Docket No. CI-2026-033. Commissioner Davey 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 decision was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Higgins, and Hines).

The next item for consideration was County of Morris and PBA Local 327, Docket No. IA-2026-005. Commissioner Higgins 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, Higgins, and Hines).

The next item for consideration was the Readoption of the Interest Arbitration Rules. Commissioner Papero made a motion to approve the Readoption of the Interest Arbitration Rules and Commissioner Davey seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Readoption of the Interest Arbitration Rules were unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Higgins, Hines, and Papero).

The next item for consideration is the Reappointment of the Interest Arbitration Panel. Chair Hennessy-Shotter asked for a motion to open up the matter for discussion. Commissioner Papero made the motion and Commissioner Davey seconded the motion. Commissioner Davey made a motion to approve the Readoption of the Interest Arbitration Panel and Commissioner Papero seconded the

motion. The motion to approve the Readoption of the Interest Arbitration Panel was unanimously approved (Chair Hennessy-Shotter, Commissioners Davey, Higgins, Hines, and Papero).

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, June 25, 2026.