

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. by Phone
495 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joel M. Weisblatt.

Present were:

Commissioners:

John Bonanni
Craig Ford
David Jones
Pasquale Papero
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel
John Boppert, 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 Weisblatt, 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 10, 2020 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 April 20, 2022, 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 31, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Papero moved the minutes and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. Commissioner Jones expressed disagreement as to the characterization of his votes on two matters [Ho-Ho-Kus and Brigantine], insisting that he should have been allowed to bifurcate his vote (yes in part, no in part) on the motions to adopt those draft Commission decisions. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved by a vote of five in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos) and one opposed (Commissioner Jones).

The Chair's report focused on a 20-year old file developed by former General Counsel Bob Anderson, regarding the Neutrality Project. Noteworthy was the discussion in that file of the Commission's history of unanimous decisions despite its tripartite makeup. Commission members, over the years, have consistently put their advocacy interests aside to support the Agency's responsibilities under the Act and decisional law. The Chair recognized and commended the Commission for its commitment to historically neutral standards.

General Counsel Lucarelli-Carneiro advised the Commission about a recently issued Appellate Division decision in which the court ordered enforcement of two final agency orders.

The first case for consideration was Township of Neptune and AFSCME Council 63, Local 2792, Docket No. SN-2022-027.

Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Ford is recused from voting on matters involving AFSCME Council 63. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (Kean University) and IFPTE, Local 195, Docket No. CO-2016-033. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Chair Weisblatt seconded the motion. Commissioner Ford was recused from voting on this matter because the law firm of Oxfeld Cohen represents the union. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni and Papero), one opposed (Commissioner Jones) and one abstention (Commissioner Voos).

The next case for consideration was County College of Morris and Association for Chairs and Assistant Chairs at the County College of Morris, Docket No. CO-2020-116. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. Commissioner Bonanni is recused from voting on matters involving Morris County. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Ford, Jones, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (Department of Corrections) and Policemen's Benevolent Association, Local 105, Docket No. CO-2022-018. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Chair Weisblatt seconded the motion. Commissioner Papero made a motion to table the decision to allow for the Commission to provide a memo regarding the documents considered by the Director in issuing the DUP. Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to table the decision was approved by a vote of five in favor (Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Jones, Papero and Voos) and one abstention (Chair Weisblatt).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Voos made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Jones, Papero and Voos). The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022.