

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
October 27, 2022
10:00 a.m.
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
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 January 19, 2022 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 October 26, 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 September 29, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Bonanni moved the minutes and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The Chair acknowledged and honored Jonathan Roth, Director of Unfair Practices and Representation, for his 38 years of outstanding service to PERC. Jonathan's retirement is to become effective on November 1, 2022. The Chair admired the way Jon conducted his neutral role with professionalism and independence, noting that he handled many matters, including contentious and ground-breaking disputes, motivated always by "getting it right." The Chair expressed great appreciation for Jonathan's contributions.

The Chair also introduced the Agency's newest employee, Christopher Ward, and noted the Agency's excitement about adding an accomplished IT expert to the staff. Finally, the Chair announced the selection of Ryan Ottavio to serve as the next Director of UPR and Joseph Blaney for the role of Deputy Director of that division.

General Counsel Lucarelli-Carneiro commented on the two recent affirmances in the Appellate Division of Commission cases in the matters of Linden Board of Education and the Linden Education Association, and Rutgers v. Spinnato.

At this time, Chair Weisblatt asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for attorney-client privileged counsel on a pending matter. Commissioner Papero made a motion to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to go into Executive Session was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

After the Executive Session, Commissioner Bonanni made a motion to return to the regular Commission meeting, and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion to return to the regular Commission meeting was approved unanimously (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

During the regular meeting, Commissioner Papero made a motion to extend the stay on the matter Rutgers and AAUP, Docket No. CO-2023-053, and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Voos is recused from voting on this matter. The motion to extend the stay was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Papero).

The first case for consideration was Township of Robbinsville and PBA Local 344, Docket No. SN-2022-026. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. Commissioner Papero is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Crivelli & Barbati. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Rockaway Valley Regional Sewer Authority and IBT Local 125, Docket No. SN-2022-025.

Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Commissioner Bonanni is recused on voting on matters involving the law firm of Trimboli & Prusinowski. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Ford, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Township of Maplewood and PBA Local 44, Docket No. SN-2022-037. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was County of Burlington and PBA Local 249, Docket No. SN-2022-040. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Commissioner Papero is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Crivelli & Barbati. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Borough of Old Tappan and PBA Local 206, Docket No. CE-2022-002. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the

motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Borough of Carteret and Local 67, Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association, Docket No. CU-2019-020. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Chair Weisblatt seconded the motion. Commissioner Bonanni is recused on voting on matters involving the law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann. Commissioner Papero made a motion to hold the matter and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion to hold the matter was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Cherry Hill Township Board of Education and Cherry Hill Education Association and Anthony W. Brocco, II, Docket No. CI-2019-012. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday,
November 22, 2022.