

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
November 22, 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 November 16, 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 October 27, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Papero moved the minutes and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The Chair reported that there is significant activity with respect to recruiting and interviewing candidates for several openings, for both professional and support staff positions. He further reported that these included several highly qualified candidates for the Director of Administration position that will soon become vacant as Chris Leavey has decided to retire next month. The Agency remains committed to recruiting only outstanding candidates to join the staff. The most recent hires have performed very well and the Chair expressed the expectation that future additions to the staff will also make major contributions toward the Agency's mission.

General Counsel Lucarelli-Carneiro noted that no court decisions have been issued regarding Commission cases since our last meeting, and briefly commented on non-Commission court cases of interest.

The first case for consideration was Borough of Carteret and Local 67, Fireman's Mutual Benevolent Association, Docket No. CU-2019-020. Commissioner Voos moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion.

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

The next case for consideration was Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey and Rutgers Council of AAUP - AFT, et al., Docket No. SN-2022-042. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. Commissioner Voos is recused on voting on matters involving Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Papero).

The next case for consideration was Woodstown-Pilesgrove Board of Education and Lisa Quirk, Docket No. CI-2022-017. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero 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 Township of City of Paterson and AFSCME New Jersey Council 63, Local 3474A, Docket No. SN-2023-003. Commissioner Papero 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

approved by a vote of three in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni and Papero) and one abstention (Commissioner Voos).

The next matter before the Commission was the oral argument heard In the Matter of Rutgers and AAUP, et al., Docket No. CO-2023-053.

After the oral argument concluded, Chair Weisblatt asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the pending matter and receive attorney/client privileged counsel.

Commissioner Papero made a motion to go into Executive Session and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. After the discussion, Commissioner Papero made a motion to exit the Executive Session and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bonanni made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Papero 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 Thursday, December 15, 2022.