

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
September 29, 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  
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 September 21, 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 August 18, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Papero moved the minutes and Commissioner Bonnani seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Papero and Voos).

The Chair noted again that it was nice to gather in person to conduct our Commission business. Empty seats were acknowledged; the Chair stated that he was told that the nominations processes are moving forward with a sense of purpose. Progress in filling the Commission memberships is of prime importance. There are two cases prepared for consideration today that we could not reach for lack of a voting quorum [one absence and one recusal in each of those matters]. They will be considered at the next meeting. The staff works hard to have a full agenda each meeting and regret that today's agenda is so limited. We will make up for it in October.

The Chair also noted that Jonathan Roth has announced his intent to retire in November. The Chair acknowledged Jon's 38 years of service to the agency now and will address the great work he has provided in more detail next month. The agency has scheduled interview for a number of highly qualified candidates for his position of Director of Unfair Practices and Representation. PERC moves on despite the retirement of an important contributor.

General Counsel Lucarelli-Carneiro provided an overview of the Supreme Court oral argument in NJIT and Diguglielmo concerning the eligibility of University Police for special disciplinary arbitration.

The first case for consideration was Township of Maplewood and FMBA Local 25, Docket No. SN-2022-035. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Buena Regional Supportive Staff Association and Buena Regional Board of Education, Docket No. CO-2019-232. 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, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Township of Berkley and PBA Local 237, Docket No. SN-2022-030. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion.

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

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Papero made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. The motion was

unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Papero and Voos). The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022.