

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
April 27, 2023
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
William Campbell, 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 15, 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 April 19, 2023, 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 30, 2023 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 welcomed our visiting students to observe a portion of today's Commission meeting. It was a great opportunity as part of the "Bring Your Children to Work" program. He was glad to have the students present at the meeting.

The Chair reported that the agency provided a pair of mediators to assist the parties to resolve their dispute at Rutgers. The negotiations were complex and difficult. He thanked Bob Glasson and Mary Beth Hennessy-Shotter for their dedicated service mediating these complicated issues in dispute. They engaged with the parties for seven consecutive days, truly long days, and a great deal of progress was made toward resolution. We hope the contract will be finalized in the very near future.

The Chair also noted that the PERC Conference is scheduled for next Thursday, May 4, 2023, in-person, at the East Brunswick Hilton. We are expecting a solid turnout for this preeminent gathering of professionals in the field.

Lastly, the Chair reported that he learned that there have been four nominations for the Commission; two to fill vacant

seats and two to replace expired terms. Those nominations are currently before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The General Counsel commented on several cases in the Counsel's report.

The first case for consideration was Queen City Academy Charter School and Queen City Education Association, Docket No. CU-2021-009. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. A discussion ensued. The motion to adopt the draft decision was approved by a vote of four in favor (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Papero) and one opposed (Commissioner Voos).

The next case for consideration was Trenton Board of Education and Trenton Educational Secretaries Association, Docket No. CO-2020-186. 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 Township of Little Egg Harbor and USWU Local 255, Docket No. SN-2023-020. Commissioner Voos 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 Union County College and AAUP Union County College, Docket No. SN-2023-002. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. Commissioner Bonanni is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs. The motion to adopt the draft decision resulted in an unbreakable tie-vote with two Commissioners voting in favor (Chair Weisblatt and Commissioner Papero) and two opposed (Commissioners Ford and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Millville and New Jersey Civil Service Association Cumberland City Council 18, Docket No. SN-2023-022. 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 City of Paterson and AFSCME Council 63 Local 3724, Docket No. CO-2021-269. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos 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, Papero and Voos).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bonanni 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 Thursday, May 25, 2023.