

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
May 25, 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 May 17, 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 April 27, 2023 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 reports that the 2023 PERC Conference was an enormous success. It was great to meet in person; this was the first in-person gathering of our preeminent event since 2019. The approximately 500 attendees provided the highest level of positive feedback. It was a return to the great days of prior conferences. The substance of the event was excellent. Three PERC Directors moderated outstanding panels: Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro handled the legal update; Mary Beth Hennessey-Shotter coordinated the discussion of developments in collective negotiations; and Ryan Ottavio led the panel focused on Unfair Practice and Representation issues. There was also an in-depth panel discussion looking at various approaches to providing health insurance in the public sector. I also wish to thank Elissa Westbrook-Smith for her active role in working with the New Jersey State Bar Association to make sure the conference administration was smooth and efficient. We look forward to continuing the tradition of the PERC Conference as a significant annual event for the labor relations community.

The General Counsel commented on an appeal that was dismissed, in the matter of Old Tappan Borough and PBA Local 206, App. Div. Dkt. No. A-001531-22T1.

The first case for consideration was Teaneck Board of Education and Teaneck Education Association, Docket No. SN-2023-035. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos 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 Somerset Hills Board of Education and Somerset Hills Education Association, Docket No. SN-2023-016. 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 Prospect Park Board of Education and Teachers Association of Prospect Park, Docket No. CO-2023-099. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Ford is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Oxfeld Cohen. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Hoboken and IAFF Local 1078, Docket No. SN-2023-023. Commissioner Voos 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 University Hospital and Teamsters Local 97, Docket No. RO-2023-028. Commissioner Bonanni moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos 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 Cumberland Utilities Authority and Communications Workers of America, Docket No. CU-2021-010. 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, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was State of New Jersey (Corrections) and PBA Local 105, Docket No. SN-2023-001. Commissioner Bonanni 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. A discussion ensued. Chair Weisblatt made a motion to table the matter for the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Bonanni

seconded the motion. The motion to table the matter was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bonanni made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Voos 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, June 29, 2023.