

MINUTES OF MEETING  
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION  
June 29, 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 June 21, 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 May 25, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Papero moved the minutes and Commissioner Ford seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford, Papero and Voos).

The Chair reported that the nomination of William Higgins to serve as a Commissioner has been confirmed by the Senate. Other nominations are pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The General Counsel commented on the new appeal in Union County College and Union County College Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), involving a post-arbitration award scope petition and a tenured professor's reassignment to the tutoring center.

The first case for consideration was County of Essex and FOP Lodge 106 & PBA Locals 382, 183, and 183A, Docket Nos. CO-2017-096, CO-2017-105, CO-2017-113, CO-2017-125 (Combined). 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 State of New Jersey (Corrections) and PBA Local 105, Docket No. SN-2023-001. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Bonanni seconded the motion. Commissioner Papero is recused from

voting on cases involving the law firm of Crivelli, Barbati & DeRose, LLC. The motion to adopt the draft decision was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Ford and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Neptune Township Board of Education and Neptune Township Education Association, Docket Nos. SN-2023-031, SN-2023-032 and SN-2023-033 (Consolidated). Commissioner Papero 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 State of New Jersey (Office of Employee Relations) and CWA AFL-CIO, Docket No. CO-2023-119. Commissioner Papero 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 South Hackensack Board of Education and South Hackensack Education Association, Docket No. SN-2023-034. 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 Warren Hills Regional Board of Education and Warren Hills Education Association, Docket No. CO-2023-112. 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 Borough of Madison and FMBA Local 74, Docket No. IA-2023-018. Commissioner Ford moved the draft decision and Commissioner Voos seconded the motion. Commissioner Bonanni is recused from voting on matters involving the law firm of Cleary, Giaccobe, Alfieri & Jacobs. A discussion ensued. The motion to adopt the draft decision resulted in an unbreakable tie-vote with two Commissioners voting in favor (Chair Weisblatt and Commissioner Voos) and two opposed (Commissioners Ford and Papero).

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 Thursday, August 24, 2023.