

MINUTES OF MEETING
NEW JERSEY PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION
November 21, 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
William Higgins
Pasquale Papero
Paula Voos

Also present were:

Christine Lucarelli-Carneiro, General Counsel
Frank Kanther, Deputy General Counsel
John Boppert, 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 November 15, 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 October 26, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Papero moved the minutes and Commissioner Higgins seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The Chair waived the delivery of the Chair report at this meeting.

The General Counsel commented on the recently issued decision Lutter v. JNESO, 2023 U.S. App. LEXIS 29489, Dkt. No. 21-2205, which resulted in the Commissioners being dismissed from the case.

The first case for consideration was NJ Transit Bus Operations, Inc. and National Association of Transportation Supervisors, Local 354, Docket No. CU-2022-015. 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, Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Somerset County Sheriff's Office, Somerset County Prosecutor's Office and PBA Local 177A and PBA Local 307, Docket Nos. SN-2023-043 and SN-2023-044. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Higgins 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 was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Newark and JNESO District Council 1 IUOE, AFL-CIO, Docket No. CU-2022-007.

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

The next case for consideration was Township of West Deptford and AFSCME New Jersey Council 63, Local 3523, Docket No. SN-2024-005. 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, Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Middletown Township Board of Education and Teamsters Local 11, Docket No. SN-2024-006. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Higgins 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 was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was Borough of Lodi and PBA Local 26, Docket No. SN-2023-039. Commissioner Papero moved the draft decision and Commissioner Higgins 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 was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The next case for consideration was City of Jersey City and Jersey City Police Superior Officers Association, Docket No. SN-2023-045. 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, Higgins, Papero and Voos).

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Higgins made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Papero seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved (Chair Weisblatt, Commissioners Bonanni, Higgins, Papero and Voos). The meeting was then adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 14, 2023.