

PERB Meeting Minutes

Date: June 3, 2024

Location: Bandana Square PERB/BMS Conf Room 5

Attendance

Board Members: Laura Cooper, Margaret Luger-Nikolai, Martin Munic

Alternate Board Members: Marlin Osthus, Richard Kaspari, Scott Lepak

PERB Staff: Jess Anna King, Executive Director/General Counsel; Jose Luis Murillo, Office Administrator; Sara Seid, Law Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2024 MEETING

Munic moved, Luger-Nikolai second. Minutes approved.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. FY2024 and FY2025 Budget/Finance Update
FY2025 is the middle of the biennium and the PERB budget will have slight changes. ED/GC will present a complete update of the PERB budget for FY2025 at the next meeting.
- b. Staffing Updates
 - a. Investigator(s) - PERB will be having interviews on June 3 and June 4.
 - b. Student Worker position posted for fall 2024. The position requires applicants to be in their second or third year of law school.
- c. Orders Issued
 - a. 24-U-023 Dismissal issued 5/20/2024
 - b. 24-U-036 Complaint issued 5/20/2024
- d. Legislative Session Update
The 3 changes requested by the PERB to Minn. Stat. 179A.13 passed including: 1) use of alternates if member is absent, 2) hearing officers required to have a JD rather than a current MN law license, and 3)

hearing timeline of not more than 30 days after serving a complaint absent mutual agreement. All are effective July 1, 2024.

- a. The PERB Hearing Officer RFP will reopen after July 1 and remain open with ongoing recruitment for 6-12 months. Review of potential candidates monthly by the same Board subcommittee of Luger-Nikolai, Lepak, and Kaspari.

4. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Friday, June 28, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)
- b. Friday, July 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)
- c. Thursday, August 15, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)

5. OTHER

- a. Election of Board Chair
Board and staff thanks for the service of Laura Cooper as current Board Chair. Grateful for her willingness to serve another term.

Motion to elect Laura Cooper as Board Chair for second term starting July 1, 2024. Munic moved, Luger-Nikolai second. Motion approved.

6. ACTIVE CASES

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §179A.041, subd. 10, the meeting was closed at 9:45 a.m. for deliberations regarding active cases 24-U-005, 24-U-027, and 24-U-031.

7. ADJOURN at 10:48 a.m.