

PERB Meeting Minutes

Date: July 26, 2024

Location: Bandana Square PERB/BMS Conf Room 5

Attendance

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

Alternate Board Members: Richard Kaspari, Scott Lepak

PERB Staff: Jess Anna King, Executive Director/General Counsel; Andrea Rooney, Investigator; Jack Kall, Investigator; Sara Seid, Law Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:30 AM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 28, 2024 MEETING

Munic moved, Luger-Nikolai second. Minutes approved.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. Welcome Andrea Rooney and Jack Kall as Investigator Seniors.
- b. FY2024 and FY2025 Budget/Finance Update
 - a. FY24 as of 6/31/2024
PERB has remaining funds from FY2024 of approximately \$212,000. Final amount will be different when fiscal year is closed out in August. These funds will roll over to FY2025 since this is the middle of the biennium.
 - b. FY26/27 biennium planning
Working with BMS. Initial agency documents to the Office of the Governor by Aug 9. Considering request to increase agency budget from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000 based on full operating expenses.
- c. Staffing
 - a. OAS Sr. - Jose Murillo's last day August 19. Posting for open OAS Sr. position up 7/25/2024 with first review 8/7/2024. Will remain open until filled.

- b. Student Worker - Sara Seid will stay on as a Student Worker through fall 2024. The postings will be taken down for fall semester. Postings will go back up for spring and summer hiring.

- d. Other
 - a. MyCase -We are beginning implementation of the case management software. Systems will remain the same for the Board until notice. Likely switch over in September.
 - b. Recusals and conflicts – Discussion and disclosure with no objection: 1) Jess Anna King’s volunteer treasurer role, 2) Marty Munic’s expanded conflicts will be applied due to Of Counsel role with legal-services clients and discussion whether the firm's lobbying-only clients would pose a conflict, and 3) hearing officers will be asked to disclose to the ED/GC any compensation role that may arise out of PERB cases.

5. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)
- b. Monday, September 23, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)
- c. Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)

6. OTHER

7. ACTIVE CASES

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §179A.041, subd. 10, the meeting was closed at 11:17 a.m. for deliberations regarding active cases 24-U-005, 24-U-033, 24-U-039, 24-P-054, 24-U-062, 25-U-065 and 25-U-066.

8. ADJOURN at 12:11 a.m.