

PERB Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2024

Location: Bandana Square PERB/BMS Conf Room 7

Attendance

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

Alternate Board Members: Marlin Osthus, Richard Kaspari

PERB Staff: Jess Anna King, Executive Director/General Counsel; Andrea Rooney, Investigator; Jack Kall, Investigator; Kyle Reigen, OAS

1. CALL TO ORDER at 9:35 AM

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 MEETING

Luger-Nikolai moved, Munic second. Minutes approved.

3. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Performance evaluation underway for Executive Director. Report will be drafted and summary presented in a future meeting.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. OAS Sr. Staffing
Welcome Kyle Reigen!
- b. FY2025 Budget/Finance Update and FY26/27 Biennium Planning
FY 26-27 biennium budget planning is underway. Beyond the base funding to initially establish the agency, the PERB has requested an additional \$250,000 annually for basic operations because of the volume of cases and associated expenses. Meetings with BMS, our Executive Budget Officer of MMB, and others will occur in the coming weeks, including a budget presentation with MMB and the Governor's office.
- c. MyCase update

Board members have been coming to PERB office in small groups for MyCase training. Plan is for the official move to MyCase and “retire” ShareFile on Dec 1. “Retiring” ShareFile means we will no longer update the files there.

- d. Orders issued
24-U-033 – International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 49 and Fillmore County – Decision and Order (9/24/2024)

5. NEXT MEETINGS

- a. Friday, November 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)
- b. Friday, December 13, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)
- c. Friday January 17, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. (Bandana Square BMS/PERB Conf Rm)

6. OTHER

- a. Board Member per diem

Motion to change time required to request per diem from “more than two hours” to “more than one hour” by Luger-Nikolai, seconded by Munic. Motion approved. Change will take effect October 25, 2024.

- b. Remedy timeline

Because it will align with the appeal timeline, motion to use 30 days for remedy implementation, unless otherwise required or necessary under the law by Luger-Nikolai, seconded by Munic. Motion approved.

7. ACTIVE CASES

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §179A.041, subd. 10, the meeting was closed at 10:39 a.m. for deliberations regarding active cases 24-U-036, 24-E-046, 24-U-039, 24-U-035, 25-U-076.

8. ADJOURN at 12:36 p.m.