

Public Employment Relations Board Meeting Minutes -- September 12, 2023

Attending were Board Members Laura Cooper, Margaret Luger-Nikolai and Martin Munic along with Alternate Board Members Richard Kaspari, Scott Lepak and Marlin Osthus.

Also attending was Jill Kielblock, PERB Executive Director, Johnny Villarreal BMS Commissioner and Todd Doncavage, BMS Deputy Commissioner.

Meeting was called to order by Chair Cooper at 10:05 a.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 25, 2023 & SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 MEETINGS

Motion by Munic, second by Luger-Nikolai to approve both sets of minutes. Motion approved.

2. BOARD CHAIR REPORT

- a. Cooper thanked Kielblock for her work on organizing the recent Executive Director/General Counsel interviews.
- b. Cooper reported on her interaction with SmART HR Director regarding issues with the work of our HR Representative. A different representative will be assigned to work with us soon.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- a. Commissioner Villarreal and Deputy Commissioner Doncavage discussed the upcoming office move and its potential impact on both the FY2024 budget and the use of Odyssey funds.
 - i. Motion by Munic, second by Luger-Nikolai to approve continuation of the 85% BMS/15% PERB split of joint tenancy and moving costs. Motion approved.
 - ii. Motion by Cooper, second by Munic to use \$50,000 from PERB Odyssey funds to fund costs associated with Conference Room 7 at the Energy Park offices instead of the \$7,500 attributed to the 85/15 split. Motion approved.

4. ACTIVE CASES UPDATE/DISCUSSION (NOTE – THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED PURSUANT TO MN STATUTES 2022, Section 179A.041, Subd. 10) The meeting was closed at 11:39 a.m. for deliberations regarding ULP cases.

- a. 24-U-001 Saint Paul Federation of Educators and Saint Paul Public Schools – Charge received July 11, 2023. Amended Charge received July 12, 2023. Charge alleges violation of MN Statutes 179A.13, Subd. 2 (1), (2), and (3). NOTE: Luger-Nikolai recused herself from discussion in this matter. Ongoing discussion related to several issues raised during review of this matter. Discussion continued to next meeting.

The meeting was opened at 12:07 upon conclusion of deliberations regarding ULP cases.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Staffing Update
 - i. Executive Director/General Counsel – Cooper will contact Jess Anna Glover to indicate PERB would like to forward her name to the State as the first step in making

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a formal job offer. Kielblock will contact SmART Human Resources to discuss next steps.

- ii. Investigator – Reviewed draft job posting. Kielblock will update and forward to SmART Human Resources for final approval and posting.

- 6. NEXT MEETINGS (BMS Conference Room 8)
 - a. Friday, October 13, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Friday, November 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
 - c. Monday, November 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.
- 7. ADJOURN The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.