

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Patricia V. Low, Wendella A. Battey, Robert A. Dellapina, Katherine C. Foley, and Joanne Coligan

The meeting was called to order by Patricia V. Low at 9:35 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Board Meeting.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Wendella A. Battey and seconded by Robert A. Dellapina, the Board unanimously

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** - Kathy Foley reported that another draft decision has been distributed to the Board – State DOC, Case No. SPP-27,321. It was noted that John Moore is on this case and will be mailed a copy of the draft.
- b.) **Scheduling** - There was no report on scheduling at this time.
- c.) **Review of Records** - Kathy reported that there are no records due at this time. She noted that there have been several requests for extensions, particularly on the POD's case.
- d.) **Litigation** – Kathy Foley reported that in the **City of Bridgeport Dispatchers** case, Karen Buffkin attended the pre-trial on March 2, 2011. Briefs in this case are scheduled to be filed sometime in May.

In the **Board of Trustees, Community Technical College Petition case (Dec. 4480)**, Kathy reported that we are arguing that the State of Connecticut has no standing to appeal this case. The pre-trial will be held in early June.

III. BRIEFS – SHOULD BRIEFS FILED WITH US INCLUDE COPIES OF ANY CASE LAW CITED?

Robert Dellapina raised the question of when parties submit their briefs, can they be required to attach the cases they are referring to and highlight the case law. He noted that this process would make it easier for the Board when reviewing the briefs. A discussion on the pros and cons of this issue ensued. It was suggested that either staff could provide the decisions if requested or Bob could go to the files and take the hard copy of the decisions needed. It was also suggested that Kathy Berube look over the briefs, pull the decisions, highlight the case law cited and make copies for the Board to be distributed with the briefs. Another option discussed was to have Kathy Berube e-mail copies of the case law to Bob. Wendella stated that if the parties are relying on a specific case to make their point, we should state in the briefing letter that the parties attach any decisions that are not ours to their briefs. She also noted that she prefers not to have cases faxed because it would generate too much paperwork.

IV. AGENT’S REPORT

- a.) **Statistics** - Kathy Foley reported that 473 cases were filed since July 1, 2010, an increase of 5 cases over the 468 cases that were filed last year at this time. She reported that 462 cases were closed since July 1st and 331 cases remain open.
- b.) **Other Business** – Kathy Foley reported that Commissioner Marshall wants to meet one on one with all Department Heads. She received an e-mail from the Deputy Commissioner stating that the Commissioner is requesting that each Department Head provide a Department Status Report by April 6, 2011.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED to enter into an Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Patricia V. Low, Wendella A. Battey, Robert A. Dellapina & Katherine C. Foley entered into an Executive Session at 10:00 a.m. It was anticipated that no votes would be taken in Executive Session.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED to reconvene the public session of the Board Meeting at 11:20 a.m. There were no votes taken in Executive Session.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was duly made by Patricia V. Low, seconded by Wendella A. Battey, and it was unanimously

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.