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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, February 29, 2012
10:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes
2. General Counsel's Report
 - a.) Decisions
 - b.) Litigation Update
3. Agent's Report
 - a.) Statistics
4. Chairman's Report
5. Adjournment

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February 29, 2012

11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Present: Patricia V. Low, Wendella A. Battey (via phone), Barbara J. Collins, Katherine C. Foley, Harry B. Elliott, Jr. and Joanne Coligan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Patricia V. Low at 11:00 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Board Meeting.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Barbara J. Collins and seconded by Patricia V. Low, the Board unanimously

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the December 21, 2011 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** – Harry B. Elliott, Jr. reported that since the last Board meeting held on December 21, 2011, four (4) decisions have been issued. He noted that another decision will be issued within the next 48 hours.
- b.) **Litigation Update** – Harry reported that the appeal in the Bridgeport/CAD case that Alex Gross is handling is still pending. The pretrial has been adjourned to April 27, 2012. The City of Middletown (MPP-27,579) appeal was withdrawn on December 19, 2011.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a.) **Statistics** - Kathy Foley reported that 400 cases were filed since July 1, 2011. She noted that filings are slowly coming up. Kathy reported that 385 cases have been closed during this time period and that 325 remain open.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a.) **Thank you to Staff** - Chairman Low stated that she would like noted on the record and posted on the office bulletin board her expression of gratitude to the staff for all the extra work and assistance they provided in setting up the conference room for the SEBAC hearings. She stated that they went above and beyond what was expected by moving furniture, opening and closing partitions and staying until after 6:00 p.m. to do whatever was needed of them. Everyone was very willing and happy to assist in any way they could and the Board is truly grateful for all they did during these proceedings.
- b.) **Recording Devices at Hearings** – Chairman Low reported that in reviewing the documents that Alex Gross provided regarding FOIA Regulations, she questioned whether or not it was necessary for the Board to adopt its own policy with regard to recording devices used during hearings. She noted the Board can make a statement at the start of a hearing if and when that question arises. It was noted that at a recent hearing, hands went up with video equipment and no one knew what was happening. She stated that the witnesses have a right to know if they are being video taped. Barbara Collins stated that perhaps there should be a designated area for recording devices so that the participants are not distracted by the clicking sound of the equipment. Pat Low stated that she doesn't believe it is necessary for the Board to adopt a policy other than what is required through FOIA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.