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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 18, 2012
9:30 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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MINUTES

Present: Patricia V. Low, Chairman, Wendella A. Battey, 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 9:30 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the Minutes of the June 18, 2012 Board Meeting.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Barbara J. Collins and seconded by Wendella A. Battey, the Board unanimously

VOTED to accept the Minutes of the June 18, 2012 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** – Harry Elliott reported that since the last Board Meeting held on June 18, 2012, the Board has issued three (3) decisions. Ten (10) cases need to be scheduled for deliberations and nine (9) cases have briefs/records pending. Harry noted that six of the records are due in July; some extension requests are probable.
- b.) **Litigation Update** - Harry reported that the **City of Bridgeport (CAD)** dispatchers appeal case was withdrawn on July 17, 2012. Pre-trials in two Council 4 appeal cases – **Local 186, AFSCME v. New Britain and Local 387, AFSCME v. State of Connecticut** – are scheduled for August 29, 2012. In **Board of Regents v. SBLR**, a pre-trial is scheduled for September 5, 2012 per agreement to explore settlement. Harry stated that UPSEU has announced it will appeal the State Petition cases, but nothing has been filed to date.

Harry announced that his travel request to attend the ALRA Conference has been approved. The conference will be held in Montreal, Canada from July 28 to July 31, 2012.

Harry noted that having looked over the Consortium Conference material, he observed that there is one concurrent session.

Barbara Collins noted that she is able to attend the conference in the morning, but has a conflict in the afternoon. A discussion ensued regarding program speakers.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a.) **State Election** – Kathy Foley reported that the State Department of Correction election will be held over a two-day period – July 30th and July 31st. The election will be conducted in split shifts starting at 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She noted that since the election will be held over a two-day period, there is adequate staff to cover all election sites which encompass all state correctional facilities.

- b.) **Statistics** – Kathy Foley reported that from July 1, 2012 to July 17, 2012, 20 cases have been filed. This is 5 cases fewer than were filed last year during the same interim period. Kathy noted that she will provide the Board with end of year statistics which reflect that 3 or 4 more hearings were held this year than were held last year. She reported that 14 cases have been closed so far this year and 290 cases remain open.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Regulations - Pat Low inquired as to status of the Regulations. Kathy Foley stated that once the Board approves the final copy, it will go to the Governor's Office through the Commissioner. She noted that there are two outstanding issues that remain in dispute. Pat stated that this matter will be put on the Agenda for the August Board Meeting. Wendella noted that there needs to be more language on the postponement policy. After a lengthy discussion on this matter, it was agreed that Kathy Foley and Harry Elliott would meet and through their joint effort, prepare a status report for the Board's review prior to the next Board Meeting.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.