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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

**AGENDA**

**BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
1:30 p.m.

1. Acceptance 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 Low at 1:35 p.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the minutes of the January 30, 2013 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 January 30, 2013 Board Meeting as presented.

#### **II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT**

- a.) **Decisions** - Harry Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on January 30, 2013, no decisions have been issued. He noted that eight (8) cases have records pending – three (3) in February and five (5) in March.
- b.) **Litigation Update** – Harry reported that in **State of Connecticut v. AFSCME, Local 387 (funeral leave)**, the Union's briefs are due on March 11, 2013; the Board's briefs are due on April 8, 2013; and the Union's reply briefs are due on April 22, 2013. In **AFSCME Local 1186 v. New Britain Board of Education**, the oral argument will be held on February 26 at 10:00 a.m. In **AFSCME Local 287 v. New Haven (DeStefano's letter case)**, the Union's briefs are due on March 4, 2013; the Board's briefs are due on April 1, 2013; and the Union's reply briefs are due on April 15, 2013. In **Board of Regents v. SBLR (part time professors)**, a pre-trial is scheduled for April 19, 2013. In our most recent appeal, **Local 2403 v. Norwalk**, the pre-trial scheduled for February 27, 2013 has been postponed and the Union has objected to the City's request to revise the complaint.

**Conferences** – Harry reported that the ALRA Conference will be held from July 20 to July 24 in Washington, D.C. The NECSLRA Annual Spring Training Academy will be held on April 25 and 26 in Westminister, Massachusetts. Harry distributed preliminary program material which the Board took a few moments to review.

### III. **AGENT’S REPORT**

**Statistics** – Kathy Foley reported that 362 cases were filed during the current fiscal year, 320 cases have been closed during that same period and 392 cases remain open. Kathy noted that 28 petitions have been filed so far. Peter Thor has filed a petition today to represent the New Haven lawyers.

Kathy reported that two new SEBAC complaints have been filed by Leon Rosenblatt. She noted that the complaints do not involve retirement issues as the employees are still working. Attorney Segar, representing Judicial employees, would like the two new cases to be consolidated with the existing cases. Kathy informed him that she is not inclined to make that decision at this stage of the process as these cases are still at the investigative level.

Kathy reported that Helen Apostolidis has made a request to postpone a hearing scheduled for April 15 and reschedule it for May 8, 2013. The Board approved the change of date as requested.

### IV. **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

**Status Report** - Pat Low stated that she appreciates the effort put into addressing the problems with the Status Report, which now appears to be correct.

**Receipt of Records** – Pat raised the issue of receiving records. She is concerned with not knowing if there are any cases out there unaccounted for. She noted that since October, the Board had only received two records. Pat asked if there is any way to have cases appear on the status sheet once a hearing is concluded so that the briefing schedule can be tracked. Harry stated that the usual reason the Board doesn’t receive records as originally scheduled is because of brief deadline extensions, and these extension are granted by mutual agreement of the parties.

After a lengthy discussion on the issue, Pat stated that by the next Board Meeting, she would like to find out if it is possible to add a new field to the Status Report showing when briefs are due. She asked Harry to compile a list of how many cases are still pending briefs. She would also like to know how many cases are between the process of hearing and receipt of briefs.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**VOTED** to adjourn the meeting.