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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

**AGENDA**

**BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, April 17, 2013  
9:30 a.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 9:40 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the minutes of the March 20, 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 March 20, 2013 Board Meeting as presented.

### II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** - Harry Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on March 20, 2013, four (4) decisions have been issued – Stamford et al (Dec. #4654), New Haven/Board of Education (Dec. #4656), Mark Lewis (Dec. #4657) and State/CSEA (Dec. #4658). He noted that eight (8) cases have records pending – two (2) are due in April, five (5) in May and one (1) in June.
- b.) **Litigation Update** – Harry reported that there are five (5) cases still on appeal: **State of Connecticut v. AFSCME, Local 387 (funeral leave)** - the Board's brief is due on April 8<sup>th</sup> and the Union reply brief is due on April 27<sup>th</sup>; **AFSCME Local 1186 v. New Britain Board of Education (Friday shutdown)** - the parties have settled this case and a withdrawal is expected to be filed shortly; **AFSCME Local 287 v. New Haven (DeStefano's letter case)** - the Board's brief was filed on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Union's brief was filed on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Oral argument is expected to be scheduled; **Board of Regents v. SBLR (part time professors)** - the pre-trial is going forward this Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>; **Local 2405 v. Norwalk** - the Union's brief was filed on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the Board's brief is due on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Harry reminded the Board that the Consortium Training will be held on April 25 and 26 in Westminister, Massachusetts. He also reported that the Governor and OPM have approved the amended regulations with certain technical changes. A public hearing on the regulations will be conducted during the first two weeks in June. Due to the many questions posed during the last regulation hearing, the Board agreed that the proposed changes should be posted on our web site.

**IV. AGENT'S REPORT**

**Suffield Election** – Kathy Foley reported that an election was ordered to determine if dispatchers employed by the Town of Suffield desire to be represented in a separate unit by Teamsters. The documents were distributed to the Board Members and General Counsel. An objection was filed by the Town. Kathy noted that the Board must decide whether to dismiss the objections without a hearing, order a hearing or ask for further information. She noted that this case should be given priority status. The Board agreed to meet at 12-noon on April 22, 2013 to review this case.

**Petition for Declaratory Ruling** – Kathy Foley reported that the State has filed a complaint and a Scope of Bargaining petition regarding issues pertaining to mandatory subjects of bargaining. The Board agreed to hold a hearing on May 8, 2013 to determine the scope of bargaining issue.

**Statistics** – Kathy Foley reported that 446 cases were filed during the current fiscal year, 454 cases have been closed during that same period and 290 cases remain open.

**VII. 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.