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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 20, 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. Regulations
5. FOI
6. Chairman's Report
7. 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 9:35 a.m. The Board took a few moments to read over the minutes of the February 20, 2013 Board Meeting.

Wendella Battey suggested that under the Chairman's Report – Receipt of Record the second and third sentences should be modified to avoid any misinterpretation. Barbara Collins proposed that the wording in the second and third sentences be modified as follows: "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."

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 February 20, 2013 Board Meeting with the modifications as proposed by Barbara Collins.

II. FOI REQUEST

Kathy Foley reported that she received a call from a newspaper reporter who, having read our minutes containing the briefing schedule regarding Board of Regents v. SBLR from our website, requested a copy of the entire file.

III. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

a.) **Decisions** - Harry Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on February 20, 2013, three (3) decisions have been issued – Southeast Area Transit (Dec. #4641), Bridgeport/Veronica Green (Dec. #4648) & Bridgeport/Council 15 (Dec. #4651). He noted that six (6) cases have records pending – one (1) in March, four (4) in April, and one (1) in May.

- b.) **Litigation Update** – Harry reported that there are five (5) cases still on appeal: **State of Connecticut v. AFSCME, Local 387 (funeral leave)** - the Union filed its brief on March 11, 2013 and the Board's brief is due on April 8, 2013; **AFSCME Local 1186 v. New Britain Board of Education (summer shutdown)** - the parties appeared for oral argument on February 26, 2013. The judge continued the matter to have the Board of Education's application to vacate transferred to him; **AFSCME Local 287 v. New Haven (DeStefano's letter case)** - the Union's briefs was filed on March 4, 2013 and the Board's brief is due on April 1, 2013; **Board of Regents v. SBLR (part time professors)** - the pre-trial is still going forward on April 19, 2013. In our most recent appeal, **Local 2405 v. Norwalk**, the Union's brief is due on April 1, 2013 and the Board's brief is due on May 1 2013. Harry noted that the City's request for the Union to revise its appeal was denied by the Court.
- c.) **Conferences** – Harry reported that the NECSLRA Annual Spring Training Academy will be held on April 25 and 26 in Westminister, Massachusetts. Chairman Low inquired who from staff will be attending. Kathy Foley responded that she expects all professional staff will be attending the conference. Harry noted that both Frank Cassetta and he will be attending as well. Chairman Low indicated that she is interested in finding out what the cost of travel, accommodations and registration would run. Barbara Collins stated that there is a hearing scheduled for April 25th which would pose a problem for any Board member interested in attending the conference. Chairman Low stated that if necessary alternates could be asked to serve on the April 25th case. Kathy noted that she expects the hearing to be brief.

Harry said he would check the ALRA website, which he believes is still in process of development, to get preliminary information on the ALRA Conference scheduled for July 20 – 24 in Washington, DC.

IV. **AGENT'S REPORT**

Statistics – Kathy Foley reported that 406 cases were filed during the current fiscal year, 379 cases have been closed during that same period and 309 cases remain open.

V. **REGULATIONS**

Kathy Foley presented the issue of whether the Board should consider making a further amendment to its proposed State regulations.

After an in-depth discussion on the matter, the Board decided there should be no further amendments to our regulations at this time.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A request was made by the State to postpone a Board hearing scheduled for April 4 due to an arbitration hearing. After giving the request careful consideration, the Board decided to deny the request for postponement.

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.