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**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS**

AGENDA

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 22, 2014
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
 - a.) Court Reporter
5. Adjournment

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MINUTES

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January 22, 2014
9:30 a.m.

Present: Patricia V. Low, Chairman, Wendella A. Battey, Barbara J. Collins, Katherine C. Foley and Harry B. Elliott, Jr.

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 November 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 November 20, 2013 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a.) **Decisions** - Attorney Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on November 20, 2013, four (4) decisions have been issued – New Haven (Dec. #4690); Norwich (Dec. #4692); Bridgeport (Dec. #4693) and Enfield Compliance (Dec. #4620-A). He noted that seven (7) records are pending: two (2) are due in January (State – SPP-29,749 & Burlington – ME-30,179); four (4) in February (UConn – SPP-29,836; Middlebury – MPP-30,117; Bridgeport Housing Authority – MPP-30,233; and Bristol Federation of Teachers – MPP-30,547); and one (1) in March (Bristol Board of Education – MPP-30,383).
- b.) **Litigation Update** – Attorney Elliott reported on the following cases on appeal: **New Haven v. Local 3144**, the City's brief was filed and the Labor Board's brief is due on January 29, 2014. **Poquonnock v. SBLR**, the Labor Board's brief was filed on December 16, 2013; the Town filed a Motion to Intervene on January 15, 2014. **Norwalk v. SBLR**, this case is before the Appellate Court; the Union's brief is due on January 28, 2014 and the Labor Board's brief is due on February 8,

2014. **Hartford v. SBLR**, an oral argument, to be presented by Frank Cassetta, will take place on February 11, 2014. **Cruess v. SBLR**, the appeal was dismissed on December 12, 2014 for being untimely.

- c.) **Digital Record** – Attorney Elliott reported that in order to comply with court requirements regarding cases on appeal, from now on, we must provide the court with a digital record of all documents such as briefs, transcripts, exhibits, etc. He noted that a special e-mail address has been set up for the parties to submit their briefs in the required digitized format. There was also discussion regarding receiving transcripts in disk form. Exhibits on cases that are appealed will have to be scanned.

Attorney Elliott handed out a draft Notice of Electronic Filing Requirements to the Board for review and approval. After one minor change was made to the notice, it was approved for distribution. It was suggested that the notice be mailed out with hearing notices. Chairman Low indicated that from now on, the notice will be attached to all hearing notices, and will be mailed out to everyone on our mailing list. Attorney Elliott inquired as to whether the notice could be sent to parties with pending briefs. It was also suggested that the notice be posted on our web site.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a.) **Statistics** - Agent Foley reported that 327 cases were filed since July 1, 2013, which reflects an increase of 25 filings over last year. She reported that 296 cases have been closed during that period and 326 remain open. Agent Foley noted that so far 22 petitions have been filed during the current window period.
- b.) **Secretary II** - Agent Foley reported that we have been approved to fill the secretarial position that has been vacant since 2010. The posting for this position will be from an external statewide Secretary II list.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Low stated that some transcripts are still not certified. Agent Foley reported that there are five Piteau transcripts that have not been signed. She noted that Joanne emailed the court reporter and politely

asked her to come into the building and sign these transcripts. The court reporter emailed back stating that she had already dropped off certified copies of transcripts last week. Joanne emailed her back thanking her for the signed copies but told her that there are still transcripts that must be signed. She was informed that we can arrange for the security guard to hold the transcripts and when she's in the area, she can come in and sign them.

Chairman Low noted that there are two days of hearings in the Piteau case scheduled for March and that if we don't receive the certified copies prior to these hearings we might have to reschedule the hearings. It was suggested that we mail the original copies of the pages that must be signed to the court reporter together with a self-addressed stamped envelope for her convenience in mailing them back to us.

V. REGULATIONS

Agent Foley reported that the Regulations are complete and will be stocked in the library. Joanne has emailed the new Regulations to Ellen Breault of Project Management to post on our web site, replacing the copies that are currently posted.

VI. 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.