

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

September 17, 2014

9:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Low at 9:30 a.m.

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 August 20, 2014 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a) **Decisions** – Attorney Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on August 20, 2014, two (2) decisions have been issued – East Haven & Council 4 (Dec. 4757) and Stamford Career Firefighters Association/Long Ridge Fire Company, Inc. & Donald E. Berg (Dec. 4758). He noted that seven (7) records are pending - Farmington (MPP-30,016) due September 30, 2014; Hartford Board of Education (MPP-28,849) due October 8, 2014; Stamford (MPP-30,666) due October 10, 2014; Council 4 & Ruel Raphael (SUPP-30,276) due October 17, 2014; Guilford (MPP-30,548) due October 20, 2014; Cheshire (MPP-30,638) due October 24, 2014; and Shelton (MPP-30,595) due October 31, 2014.
- b) **Litigation Update** – Attorney Elliott reported on the following cases on appeal: **AFSCME v. Norwalk** – Awaiting oral argument before the Appellate Court. **Poquonnock v. SBLR** - Awaiting decision by Judge Lee, assuming it doesn't settle. **Lamberty v. CSPU** – A pretrial is scheduled for October 2, 2014. He noted that Attorney Sarah Hatsfield was in an auto accident and will be replaced by another attorney. **New Haven v. SBLR** – A pretrial is scheduled for September 19, 2014. **Bristol Board of Education** - A pretrial was

held on September 9, 2014. The plaintiff's brief is due September 30, 2014; defendants' briefs are due October 21, 2014; and the plaintiff's reply brief is due November 12, 2014. **SBLR v. Mark Blumenthal** – This case is still pending. A subpoena was prepared for Mark Blumenthal to appear at hearings scheduled for Oct. 6 and October 20, 2014.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

Agent Foley reported that the Berg decision has been issued and commented on the 30-day compliance timeframe.

She stated that filings are up 14 cases from last year.

Agent Foley reported that CEA filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling this week seeking to find out if any proposal shifting the burden of the Affordable Care Act Excise/Cadillac Tax from the coverage provider to the members of the various local associations is an impermissible subject of bargaining.

Agent Foley informed the Board that a continuance will most likely be sought in the Bloomfield hearing scheduled for September 24th.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Low stated that the pending draft will be given back to Attorney Elliott on Monday to issue a decision.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.