

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS

BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 28, 2015
11:30 a.m.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Patricia V. Low at 11:30 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 December 17, 2014 Board Meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

- a) **Decisions** – Attorney Elliott reported that since the last Board meeting on December 17, 2014, two (2) decisions have been issued - Ruel Raphael (Decision #4769) and Stonington (Decision #4774). He noted that there are seven records pending: 2 in January and five in February.
- b) **Litigation Update** – Attorney Elliott reported on the following cases on appeal: **Poquonnock Bridge v. SBLR** - An appeal was filed with Appellate Court on December 17, 2014. Pre-argument conference has yet to be scheduled and brief is due on Monday; the Labor Board will be filing an extension request today. **Stamford Career Firefighters (Berg)** - The Plaintiff's brief is due on February 27, 2015 and the Labor Board's brief is due on March 30, 2015. **Bristol Board of Education** – Judge Schuman dismissed the appeal on December 31, 2014. The Board of Education filed an appeal with Appellate Court on January 16, 2015. **Shane LaPointe v. UConn** – Judge Schuman dismissed appeal from the bench on January 21, 2015 due to late filing. Any appeal must be filed by February 10, 2015. **Oxford Board of Education** – A new appeal was filed on December 17, 2014. An answer was filed on January 8, 2015; the Plaintiff moved for stay on January 14, 2015. Chairman Low inquired about the pending Poquonnock Bridge case; Agent Foley stated that Liz Dunn has settled one of the pending cases.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

- a) **Petitions** - Agent Foley reported that 28 petitions have been filed to date and there are still a couple more days in which petitions could be filed. Agent Foley stated that she is not pleased with the regulations on Intervenor filings. She noted that SERA is unique in that it allows 30 days from the filing of a petition for an intervenor petition to be filed. MERA now requires they be filed within fifteen days of the filing of the petition.
- b) **Filings** – Agent Foley reported that filings are up around 25 cases above last year's filings.

Agent Foley advised the Board to set a deliberation date as soon as possible for Town of Newtown. She noted that this case should be fast-tracked.

IV. LEGISLATION

Agent Foley stated that the Labor Board should be aware of what bills have been submitted that affect the Labor Board. She is not clear if the bills that have been submitted affect us or not or if they only affect Mediation and Arbitration. She noted that we should cover any public hearings that could possibly impact the Labor Board. Barbara Collins indicated that she plans to attend a Labor and Employment meeting tomorrow.

V. CHAIRMAN REPORT

Chairman Low dispensed with the Chairman Report until next meeting.

A brief discussion took place regarding the deliberation schedule. Wendella Battey indicated that her Tuesday and Wednesday schedule for deliberations have been switched. She will now be available Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. Chairman Low indicated that she plans to come up with an updated deliberation schedule.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.