

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF LABOR RELATIONS
BOARD MEETING

MINUTES - Pending approval

July 22, 2022
10:00 a.m.

Present: Barbara J. Collins, Katherine C. Foley, Frank N. Cassetta and Sondra Ivory

The meeting was called to order by Barbara J. Collins at 10:15 a.m.

I. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion duly made by Barbara Collins and seconded by Katherine Foley

VOTED to accept the minutes of the January Board meeting as presented.

II. GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

A. Decisions – 10 decisions have issued since the last board meeting on 01/25/22.

B. Records pending – 07/29/22 *Town of Fairfield*, MPP 34610; 08/01/22 *City of Shelton*, MPP-34,080; 08/04/22 *City of New Britain*, MPP-34,536.

C. Litigation (since last meeting):

1. Superior Court

City of Stamford v. SBLR, Dec. No. 5160 (MPP-33,735) (ECC Assistant Director position)

06/13/22 – Dec. No. 5160 vacated

Foley v. Teamsters Local 559, Dec. No. 5194 (MUPP-33,921) (DFR)

07/13/22 – appeal dismissed

City of Shelton v. SBLR, Dec. No. 5129 (porta-potties; harassment)

06/30/22 - administrative record filed with court

E. Gagne, et al. v. SBLR, Dec. No. 5124 (“Freeloader” posting)

03/30/22 – motion to transfer case to Tax and Admin. Appeal Session in New Britain (pending)

07/08/22 – motion to supplement administrative record (pending)

2. Appellate Court

City of Shelton –

02/08/22 – aff'd superior court judgment vacating Dec. No. 5120

Joan O'Rourke –

03/22/22 – appeal dismissed

Town of Middlebury -

05/10/22 – appeal dismissed

06/28/22 - petition for cert. to Supreme Court granted.

D. Staffing: General Counsel Frank Cassetta completed interviewing candidates for the Assistant General Counsel vacancy. A decision is pending.

III. AGENT'S REPORT

New Board Member (former Agent) Katherine Foley delivered the Agent's report, stating that scheduling formal hearings before the Board is proceeding as usual. The total number of cases in fiscal year 2021-2022 is 293, which is down from fiscal year 2020-2021. The reason for the decline in cases is unclear but might be because of a decline in membership at AFSCME Council 4. The window period for representation petitions opened in January and July; more petitions were received in July than January. This may be attributable to Covid pandemic.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Acting agent: The Board unanimously voted to appoint Assistant Agent Jose' A. Santana be the Acting Board Agent/Director retroactive to July 1st.

B. Clerical help: Jose Santana and Sondra Ivory to determine whether additional part-time clerical help is needed.

C. Assistant Agent vacancy: Applicants have been interviewed for the vacant position. A decision is still pending.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

VOTED to adjourn the meeting.