



Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board

1511 Pontiac Avenue
Building 73, 2nd floor
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920-4407
Website: www.rislrp.ri.gov

OPEN MINUTES BOARD MEETING

TIME: 9:00 A.M.
DATE: Tuesday, June 14, 2022
PLACE: 1511 Pontiac Ave., Building #73, 2nd Floor, Cranston, RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Walter J. Lanni
Scott G. Duhamel
Aronda R. Kirby
Kenneth B. Chiavarini, Esq.
Harry F. Winthrop

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Derek M. Silva
Stan Israel

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas A. Hanley, Administrator
Lisa L. Ribezzo, Labor Board Case Agent
Jeffrey W. Kasle, Esq.

Chairman Lanni called the meeting to order in Open Session at 9:05 A.M.

All Board Members present reviewed the Open Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Board Meeting. A Motion was made by Kenneth B. Chiavarini and seconded by Harry F. Winthrop to accept the Open Minutes as written, and it was

VOTED: by all Board Members present to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGREEMENT & AFFIDAVIT MATTERS:

- 1 Case No. EE- 2041A
Town of Coventry & RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 3484
(Accretion of Recycling Coordinator)

After review of the Consent Agreement and Affidavit executed and presented by the parties, a Motion was made by Aronda R. Kirby and seconded by Harry F. Winthrop, to acknowledge and accept the parties' signed Consent Agreement and Affidavit. Accordingly, the position(s) of: Recycling Coordinator shall be accreted into the bargaining unit as defined in Certification of Representatives – Case No. EE-2041A. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.



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CONSENT AGREEMENT & AFFIDAVIT MATTERS - Continued:

- 2 Case No. EE- 3406A
State of Rhode Island – Department of Health & RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO,
Local 2870 (Accretion of Medicolegal Case Manager (DOH))

After review of the Consent Agreement and Affidavit executed and presented by the parties, a Motion was made by Kenneth B. Chiavarini and seconded by Scott G. Duhamel, to acknowledge and accept the parties' signed Consent Agreement and Affidavit. Accordingly, the position(s) of: Medicolegal Case Manager (DOH) shall be accreted into the bargaining unit as defined in Certification of Representatives – Case No. EE-3406A. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

- 3 Case No. EE- 3168
East Providence Housing Authority & Rhode Island Laborers' District Council on behalf of
Local 1217 (Accretion of Deputy Director of Housing)

After review of the Consent Agreement and Affidavit executed and presented by the parties, a Motion was made by Scott G. Duhamel and seconded by Aronda R. Kirby, to acknowledge and accept the parties' signed Consent Agreement and Affidavit. Accordingly, the position(s) of: Deputy Director of Housing shall be accreted into the bargaining unit as defined in Certification of Representatives – Case No. EE-3168. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

- 1 Case No. ULP- 6297 Rhode Island Council on Elementary and Secondary Education/Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education & RIDE Legal Counsel/Hearing Officer Professional Union (Respondent Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Motion to Quash and Petitioner's Objection to Respondent Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Motion to Quash)



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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS - Continued:

After review of the Motion to Quash and Objection to the Motion to Quash, a Motion was made by Scott G. Duhamel and seconded by Aronda R. Kirby to accept Respondent's Motion to Quash. After discussion it was clarified that the acceptance of the Motion to Quash was determined on the basis of relevance, not work product or how Mr. Pontarelli received the document. It was further clarified that the Board denied Respondent's request for oral argument based on the information the Board received on the Motion to Quash, the Memo in Opposition to the Motion to Quash and in Counsel's review and explanation of the document. All Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Scott G. Duhamel to go into Closed Session for the purpose of review/voting on the Closed Minutes, Appointment of Legal Counsel and Update on Pending Litigation pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2)(4) of the Open Meetings Law. Aronda R. Kirby seconded the Motion, and it was unanimously

VOTED: by all Board Members present to go into closed session and to seal the minutes.

The meeting and minutes were closed at 9:45 A.M.

The meeting resumed in open session at 10:00 A.M. for the purposes of reading into the minutes, the determinations made by the Board in Closed Session, as well as adjourning the Board meeting.

REVIEW OF CLOSED MINUTES:

1. Minutes of May 10, 2022

DETERMINATION: A Motion was made by Kenneth B. Chiavarini and seconded by Aronda R. Kirby, to accept and seal the Closed Minutes as written, and it was voted by all Board Members present to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.



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MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:

1. Appointment of Legal Counsel 7-1-22 to 6-30-23

DETERMINATION: After review of all documentation submitted, A Motion was made by Kenneth B. Chiavarini and seconded by all parties present, to reappoint Jeffrey W. Kasle, Esq. as the Board's Legal Counsel for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

Subsequently, a Motion was made by Kenneth B. Chiavarini and seconded by Aronda R. Kirby to authorize the Chairman, Walter J. Lanni, to sign all paperwork in conjunction with the appointment of Jeffrey W. Kasle, Esq. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

2. Update on Pending Litigation

DETERMINATION: This was an informational update by Board's Legal Counsel. No votes were taken.

A Motion to adjourn was made by Scott G. Duhamel and seconded by Kenneth B. Chiavarini, and it was unanimously,

VOTED: to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 A.M.