

STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

38 WOLCOTT HILL ROAD, WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109

MINUTES OF SBMA BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 27, 2025

A meeting of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration was held on Monday, January 27, 2025. The meeting was held virtually, via Teams.

Present: Gerald Weiner, Esq., Chairman
Dennis Murphy, Esq., Deputy Chairman
Peter Carozza, Labor Member
Ken Baldyga, Management Member
Michael Culhane, Management Member

Guests: Douglas Cho, Esq., Director/Mediator

The meeting of the State Board of Mediation and Arbitration was opened by Gerald T. Weiner, Chairman, at 8:35 a.m.

1) Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Dennis Murphy and seconded by Peter Carozza to accept the minutes of the Board meeting from November 18, 2024, and the motion passed unanimously via voice vote.

2) Old Business:

A. Review of Outstanding Arbitration Hearings: The number of pending arbitrations, the number of cases held in abeyance, scheduled and re-scheduled were examined by the Board. There are approximately 154 cases pending which is an increase from 129; scheduled cases decreased from 115

to 98; rescheduled cases decreased from 10 to 8; and cases held in abeyance increased from 25 to 29. Hearings completed increased from 12 to 13.

Mediation figures were also reviewed by the Board. Binding arbitration case figures were reviewed for contracts expiring in 2024.

B. Review of Fiscal Year Figures: The Board was unable to review fiscal year figures for the past 2-month period due to unexpected difficulties in tabulating the data in time for this January meeting; this data will be compiled and reported at the next Board meeting.

C. Applications to Vacate: All open applications to vacate were briefly reviewed as to their status. One new application to vacate was filed in a matter involving Suffield & IAFF Local 3565. Two court decisions denying applications to vacate were issued in North Haven & NIPSEU (Santagata) and New Haven & CACP (Diaz). One court decision denying an application to vacate was appealed to Appellate Court in New Haven & CACP (Kendall).

D. Outstanding Overdue Awards: There are no overdue awards at this time.

3) New Business:

A discussion was held updating the status of the interview process to hire a new secretary 2 employee. It was noted that a number of good candidates have been identified and an offer to fill the position is anticipated to be made in the near future.

4) Motion to Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Murphy and seconded by Peter Carozza, and the motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 a.m.

Douglas A. Cho, Esq.

Director/Mediator

January 31, 2025