

# **STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION**

**38 WOLCOTT HILL ROAD, WEHTERSFIELD, CT 06109**

## **MINUTES OF ARBITRATORS MEETING**

Monday, July 20, 2020

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An arbitrators meeting of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration was held on Monday, July 20, 2020. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom.

Present:           Gerald T. Weiner, Esq., Chairman  
                      Dennis C. Murphy, Esq., Deputy Chairman  
                      David A. Ryan, Management Member  
                      Michael C. Culhane, Management Member  
                      Betty Kuehnel, Labor Member  
                      Raymond D. Shea, Labor Member

Guest:            Patricia A. Fitton, Director/Mediator

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The Monday, July 20, 2020 meeting of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration was opened by Gerald T. Weiner, Chairman, at 10:12 a.m.

- 1) Minutes of Previous Meeting: A motion was made by David A. Ryan to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2020 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Raymond D. Shea and passed unanimously.

### **Old Business:**

- A. Outstanding Cases: the Board reviewed and discussed the backlog of cases, particularly priority cases.

- B. Zoom Hearings: there is some progress with scheduling grievance arbitration hearings via Zoom.
- C. Motions to Vacate: the most recent Motion to Vacate was reviewed and discussed. The case will be scheduled for another hearing.
- D. Proposed Plan to Reopen for In Person Hearings: a detailed plan for a limited reopening for in person hearings was discussed. One hearing per day, no more than 2 to 3 days per week, with limited attendance could be the approach for a limited opening

#### New Business

- A. Off-site in person hearings are being considered as one option for in person grievance arbitration hearings.

#### Director's Report

- A. The retirement of one of the secretarial staff will be effective on September 1, 2020. The paperwork to fill the resulting vacancy is being processed.
- B. The part time mediator's position has been extended through December 31, 2020.
- C. David Ryan made a motion to add one person to the Alternate Labor Arbitrators. Ray Shea seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn was made by David A. Ryan and seconded by Raymond D. Shea, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.