

STATE BOARD OF MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION

38 WOLCOTT HILL ROAD, WEHTERSFIELD, CT 06109

MINUTES OF ARBITRATORS MEETING

Friday, September 11, 2020

A special arbitrators meeting of the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration was held on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. 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, Esq., Management Member
 Betty Kuehnel, Labor Member
 Raymond D. Shea, Labor Member

Guest: Patricia A. Fitton, Director/Mediator

The Friday, September 11, 2020 special meeting of the Board of Mediation and Arbitration was opened by Gerald T. Weiner, Chairman, at 12:03 p.m.

- 1) Minutes of Previous Meeting: due to fact that this was a special meeting, the minutes of the previous regular meeting were deferred to the next regular meeting which is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020.

- 2) Old Business: due to fact that this was a special meeting, the discussion of Old Business was deferred to the next regular meeting which is scheduled for Monday, September 21, 2020.

New Business

- A. Achieving Diversity on the Neutral Arbitrators Panel: members of the Neutral Arbitrator Selection Committee raised the issue of pursuing increased diversity among the arbitrators on the Neutral Arbitrators Panel. The Board discussed the various and consistent efforts that the Board has pursued to identify and encourage diverse applicants. The Board further explored new methods for increasing the number of diverse candidates for the positions of Neutral Arbitrators.
- Dennis Murphy, Esq., made the following motion: The Board recommends to the Commissioner that he form an independent Committee for Diversity that will pursue strategies for increasing the number of diverse candidates who would be considered for appointment as Neutral Arbitrators.
- The motion was seconded by Michael Culhane and passed unanimously.
- B. The Board reviewed the policy concerning the Board's response in the event of the arrest of an arbitrator. The Board's policy of placing an arrested arbitrator on "inactive status" and removing them from any active cases was reaffirmed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Dennis Murphy, Esq., and seconded by Gerald Weiner, Esq., The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.