

**ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday, January 16, 2020
160 North LaSalle Street, Suite S-501
Chicago, Illinois
9:00 a.m.**

I. Present

Chairman Andrea Waitroob, Members Judy Biggert, Gilbert O'Brien, Lynne Sered, Lara Shayne, Executive Director Victor Blackwell, General Counsel Ellen Strizak, Assistant General Counsel Dawn Harden, Staff Attorney Nick Gutierrez, Staff Attorney Tracey Trigillo, Mike Slutsky, Nicholas Christen, Kathy Shaevel, Kaitlyn Girard, Matt Jarka, Sylvia Rios, Marty Malin, and Andrew Slobodien.

II. Welcome/Opening Remarks by Chairman Waitroob

Chairman Waitroob opened the meeting with mentions about the retirement of Susan Willenborg, former General Counsel of the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board (IELRB or Board) and Ellen Strizak's transition into the role; the agency's newly hired staff attorney; and the agency's planned update to the Board's Rules resulting from the Janus decision.

III. The Current Organization and Status of the Agency

Executive Director Blackwell presented the agency's staffing reconstruction status. Attorney Trigillo was welcomed and her background was briefly presented to the Committee, as a new hire for the Springfield office. The position of Assistant Fiscal Officer was approved by Central Management Services (CMS) and is in the process of being posted for office support in Springfield. A staff attorney position for the Chicago office is in the process of being approved. Renee Strickland recently retired from her role as Personnel Manager, however she is currently on contract with the agency. The agency intends to post an opening for the Personnel Manager position.

IV. Case Processing Statistics

Executive Director Blackwell presented a high-level overview of agency case statistics.

V. Strike Update

Executive Director Blackwell presented a high-level overview of strike related information.

VI. Legislative Update

Member Sered surveyed the Committee Members about their awareness of the recent significant changes to the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act (IELRA). Staff Attorney Gutierrez presented the legislative update. Attorney Gutierrez covered a detailed review of statutory amendments to the IELRA.

General Counsel Strizak and Executive Director Blackwell fielded questions from A. Slobodien and M. Malin regarding anticipated Board rule changes and concerns about the impact of the new amendments to stakeholders, respectively.

VII. Questions and Comments from Committee Members

Chairman Waintroob, Executive Director Blackwell and General Counsel Strizak fielded questions from M. Slutsky, S. Rios and K. Shaevel on issues raised concerning Board case processing procedures and practices.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Waintroob thanked all for attending. A short recess followed and the Board resumed with its regular meeting.