

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on March 21, 2013
At One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois

I. OPENING OF THE MEETING AT 10:00 A.M.

II. PRESENT

Board Member Ronald Ettinger, General Counsel Helen Higgins, staff member Cindy Handy and observer Lisa Daykin were present. Chairman Lynne Sered; Board Members Gilbert O'Brien and Michael Prueter; Executive Director Victor Blackwell; Special Counsel John Brosnan; staff members Ellen Strizak and Susan Willenborg; extern Danielle Stevens; and observer Bob Shaevel participated via video conference from the Board's Chicago office. Pursuant to Section 7(a) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/7(a), Board Member Michael Smith, with prior approval, participated via telephone conference call due to illness.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 21, 2013

Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting. Member O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2013 meeting. Member Prueter seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously, by a voice vote.

IV. BOARD ACTIONS

1. **Niles Township High School District No. 219/Niles Township Support Staff, Local 1274, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO**
Case No. 2013-CA-0001-C

Chairman Sered called the case. This case had been removed to the Board for a decision. Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg presented a draft Opinion and Order dismissing the unfair labor practice charge. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the draft. Member Prueter so moved, and Member Ettinger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to issue the draft Opinion and Order, by a voice vote.

2. **McClellan County Unit District No. 5, a.k.a. Board of Education of McClellan County Unit District No. 5/American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 31**
Case No. 2012-CA-0043-S

Chairman Sered called the case. This case was before the Board on exceptions to an Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decision and Order finding a violation of the Act. Associate General Counsel Ellen Strizak, together with General Counsel Helen Higgins, presented a memorandum recommending that the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decision and Order be affirmed. After discussion, the Board directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted in accordance with the recommendation.

3. Chicaao Board of Education/Cunliffe
Case No. 2012-CA-0085-C

Chairman Sered called the case. This case was before the Board on exceptions to an Executive Director's Recommended Decision and Order dismissing the unfair labor practice charge. Extern Danielle Stevens presented a memorandum recommending that the Executive Director's Recommended Decision and Order be affirmed. After discussion, the Board directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted in accordance with the recommendation.

4. Champaign Community Unit School District 4/Champaign Federation of Teachers, Local 1925, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO
Case No. 2012-CA-0039-S

Chicago Board of Education/Greyer
Case No. 2012-CA-0007-C

Service Employees International Union, Local 73/Kindle
Case No. 2012-FS-0029-C

Chairman Sered called the cases. These were unappealed Executive Director's and Administrative Law Judge's Recommended Decisions and Orders. General Counsel Helen Higgins presented the cases. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion for the Board not to take the cases up on its own motion and to issue final orders. Member Ettinger so moved, and Member Prueter seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously, by a voice vote, not to take the cases up on its own motion and to issue final orders.

V. BUDGET AND FISCAL

Executive Director Victor Blackwell, Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy and Chairman Lynne Sered presented an update on budget and fiscal matters, which included a discussion of FY 2013 expenditures and the FY 2014 budget.

VI. CASE STATUS REPORT

Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented a case status report.

VII. STRIKE REPORT

Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented a strike report update.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chairman Sered presented a legislative update.

IX. LITIGATION UPDATE

General Counsel Helen Higgins presented a litigation update.

X. STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST

Chairman Sered noted that Statements of Economic Interests must be submitted to Eileen Brennan by April 19.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Sered called for a motion for the Board to go into closed session to discuss personnel matters, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Member Prueter so moved, and Member Ettinger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to go into closed session, by a voice vote.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Board's return from closed session, Chairman Sered called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Smith so moved, and Member Ettinger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting, by a voice vote.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL 2013.