

STATE OF WASHINGTON PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS COMMISSION

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MINUTES

March 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Public Employment Relations Commission was held at: 10:00 a.m.
PERC Conference Room

112 Henry Street NE, Suite 300 Olympia, Washington 98506

Those present and participating:
Marilyn Glenn Sayan, Chairperson
Mark R. Busto, Commissioner
Kenneth J. Pedersen, Commissioner
Mike Sellars, Executive Director
Charity Atchison, Appeals Administrator
Debbie Bates, Legal Assistant

Also present:

- Daniel Comeau, PERC, Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediator
- Michael Snyder, PERC, Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediator
- Katelyn Sypher, PERC, Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediator
- Sean Leonard, PERC, Labor Relations Adjudicator/Mediator
- Herb Harris, Washington Federation of State Employees
- Mike McCarthy, Reid, McCarthy, Ballew & Leahy, L.L.P. for the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
- Jeff Duncan, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
- Eric Winge, Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association
- Thomas Knoll, Jr., Office of the Attorney General

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on February 11, 2020, were adopted as presented.

Report of the Executive Director

1. The case numbers were reviewed. The increase in contract mediations was due to us opening mediation cases for all the state interest arbitration eligible negotiations. Given the short

timetable to conduct mediation prior to the scheduled arbitration hearing, we proactively open a case and assign a mediator in order to get a mediation date scheduled.

- 2. Due to the Coronavirus, the Kirkland office is closed and PERC staff stationed there are telecommuting. The Olympia office is prepared to telecommute, if needed.
- 3. The LERA conference is being monitored for cancellation.

Legislative Update

Charity Atchison provided updated information on legislation that PERC has been monitoring. All collective bargaining bills have passed.

Court Docket

Charity reviewed the pending court cases and provided updated information where available. Pending Commission cases that have been appealed to court are available on the agency website.

Other Business

Oral argument was presented by the parties in *Washington State Ferries*, Case 130879-U-18.

Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the public meeting was adjourned.

Marilyn Glenn Sayan, Mark Busto, Kenneth Pedersen, Mike Sellars, and Charity Atchison went into Executive Session for deliberation on cases pending before the Commission.

APPROVED at Olympia, Washington, this <u>12th</u> day of May, 2020.

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MARK'R. BUSTO, Commissioner

KENNETH J. PEDERSEN, Commissioner