



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island State Labor Relations Board

1511 Pontiac Avenue
Building 73, 2nd floor
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920-4407
Website: www.rislrb.ri.gov

OPEN MINUTES
BOARD MEETING

TIME: 9:00 A.M.
DATE: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
PLACE: 1511 Pontiac Ave., Building #73, 3rd Floor, Cranston, RI 02920

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Walter J. Lanni
Aronda R. Kirby
Harry F. Winthrop
Stan Israel
Lawrence Purtill

ABSENT: Scott G. Duhamel
Kenneth B. Chiavarini

OTHERS PRESENT: Thomas A. Hanley, Administrator
Lisa L. Ribezzo, Programming Services Officer
Jeffrey W. Kastle, Esq. (by telephone)

Chairman Lanni called the meeting to order in Open Session at 9:00 A.M.

All Board Members present reviewed the Open Minutes of the April 16, 2024 Board Meeting. A Motion was made by Lawrence Purtill and seconded by Stan Israel to accept the Open Minutes as written, and it was

VOTED: by all Board Members present to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

2. CONSENT AGREEMENT & AFFIDAVIT MATTERS: (Review and Determination):

- (a) EE- 1704A State of Rhode Island – Narragansett Bay Commission & RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 2884 (Utility Operator (Bucklin Point Facility))

A Motion was made by Harry F. Winthrop and seconded by Stan Israel to acknowledge and accept the parties signed Consent Agreement & Affidavit relating to the accretion of the position of Utility Operator at the Bucklin Point Facility within the Narragansett Bay Commission. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.



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3. **CONCLUDED CASE: (Review and Determination):**

(a) ULP- 6371 Town of Warren & United Steelworkers, Local 14845

A Motion was made by Stan Israel and seconded by Harry F. Winthrop to find a violation of the Act in this matter; and that this matter be referred to the Board's Legal Counsel for drafting of such Decision & Order to that effect. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

4. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS: (Review and Determination):**

(a) EE- 1794 State of Rhode Island – Department for Children, Youth and Families & RI Council 94, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, Local 2876 (Motion to Intervene by RI Alliance of Social Workers, Local 580, SEIU)

A Motion was made by Harry F. Winthrop and seconded by Stan Israel to accept the Motion to Intervene in this matter. After discussion, all Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Stan Israel to go into Closed Session for the purpose of review/voting on the Closed Minutes, appointment of Legal Counsel, as well as an update by Legal Counsel on pending litigation, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §42-46-5(a)(2)(4) of the Open Meetings Law. Lawrence Purtill seconded the Motion, and it was unanimously

VOTED: by all Board Members present to go into closed session and to seal the minutes.

The meeting and minutes were closed at 9:20 A.M.

A Motion was made by Aronda R. Kirby and seconded by Lawrence Purtill to re-open the Open session at 9:35 a.m. for the purpose of reading into the record, a record of all votes taken in Closed Session. All Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

The meeting resumed in open session at 9:35 A.M. for the purpose of reading into the minutes, the determinations made by the Board in Closed Session, and adjourning the Board meeting.



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1. **REVIEW OF CLOSED MINUTES:**

Minutes of April 16, 2024

DETERMINATION: A Motion was made by Stan Israel, and seconded by Aronda R. Kirby, to accept and seal the Closed Minutes as written, and it was voted by all Board Members present to accept the minutes as written. Motion passed.

2. **MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS:**

(a) Appointment of Legal Counsel 7-1-24 to 6-30-25

DETERMINATION: A Motion was made by Aronda R. Kirby and seconded by Lawrence Purtill to re-appoint Attorney Jeffrey Kasle, Esq. as the RI State Labor Relations Board attorney for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. All Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Aronda R. Kirby and seconded by Harry F. Winthrop to allow Chairman Walter Lanni to sign all documents related to the reappointment of Attorney Jeffrey Kasle, Esq. as the RI State Labor Relations Board attorney for the period of 7-1-24 through 6-30-25. All Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.

(b) Update on Pending Litigation – Informational Only – No votes taken

A Motion was made by Lawrence Purtill, and seconded by Aronda R. Kirby, to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. All Board Members present voted in favor of the Motion. Motion passed.