STATE OF ILLINOIS EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

Minutes of the Meeting held on January 24, 2013 At 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois

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

II. PRESENT

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 20, 2012

Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting. Member Prueter moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2012 meeting. Member Ettinger seconded the motion. The Board passed the motion unanimously, by a voice vote.

IV. BOARD ACTIONS

Danville Community Consolidated School District 118/Danville Education
 Association, IEA-NEA
 Case No. 2013-RS-0002-S

Chairman Sered called the case. This case had been removed to the Board for a decision. Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg presented a memorandum recommending that the Board direct an election in the proposed bargaining unit. After discussion, the Board directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted in accordance with the recommendation.

2. <u>Maine Township High School District 207/Kirley</u> Case No. 2012-CA-0055-C

Chairman Sered called the case. Associate General Counsel Ellen Strizak presented a memorandum recommending that the Board affirm the Executive Director's Recommended Decision and Order dismissing the unfair labor practice charge. After discussion, the Board directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted in accordance with the recommendation.

3. <u>Illinois Eastern Community College/IEA</u> Case No. 2011-CA-0008-C

Chairman Sered called the case. Associate General Counsel Ellen Strizak presented a draft Opinion and Order affirming the Administrative Law Judge's Recommended

Decision and Order determining that the Employer did not violate the Act. After discussion, the Board directed that an Opinion and Order be drafted in accordance with the recommendation. 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.

4. <u>Glenbrook High School District 225/Glenbrook Educational Support Staff Association, IEA-NEA</u>

Case No. 2013-UC-0001-C

<u>Chicago Teachers Union/Jones</u> Case No. 2012-CB-0026-C

<u>Chicago Board of Education/Jones</u> Case No. 2012-CA-0033-C

AFSCME, Council 31/Chumbley Case No. 2012-FS-0055-S

AFSCME, Council 31/Brown Case No. 2012-FS-0051-S

AFSCME, Council 31/Derrickson Case No. 2012-FS-0050-S

Blue Island Education Association, IEA-NEA, et al./Miller, et al.

Case Nos. 2012-FS-0020-C, 2012-FS-0021-C, 2012-FS-0021-S, 2012-FS-0023-S, 2012-FS-0030-S, 2012-FS-0039-S, 2012-FS-0043-S, 2012-FS-0044-S, 2012-FS-0047-S, 2012-FS-0054-S

Chicago Board of Education/Wade-Bey Case No. 2012-CA-0097-C

Chicago Board of Education/Moreno
Case No. 2012-CA-0090-C

Chairman Sered called the cases. These were unappealed Administrative Law Judge's and Executive Director'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 Prueter so moved, and Member O'Brien 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. <u>BUDGET AND FISCAL</u>

Executive Director Victor Blackwell, Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy and Chairman Sered presented an update on budget and fiscal matters, which included a discussion of FY 2013 expenditures and the FY 2014 budget. Chairman Sered informed the Board that Mike Meyers had notified the IELRB in writing that he will be retiring as of April 30, 2013, and that as a result the Board will be looking to fill his position.

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. AGENCY VEHICLE

Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy and Executive Director Victor Blackwell reported that the IELRB would be turning over the agency vehicle.

IX. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES

Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg discussed proposed drafts of First Notice documents. After discussion, the Board determined that it would vote on whether to authorize Associate General Counsel Willenborg to file the proposed First Notice documents at the Board's February meeting

X. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Colleen Harvey presented a legislative update.

XI. <u>LITIGATION UPDATE</u>

General Counsel Helen Higgins presented a litigation update.

XII. CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER TO MAKE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES PUBLIC

Associate General Counsel Ellen Strizak gave a presentation on making the Board's closed session minutes public. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion on whether to make the Board's closed session minutes public. Member Ettinger moved to keep the Board's closed session minutes closed, and Member O'Brien seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-1 to keep the Board's closed session minutes closed, by a voice vote, with Chairman Sered dissenting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sered called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Ettinger so moved, and Member Smith 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 21st DAY OF FEBRUARY 2013.