

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**EDUCATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on February 21, 2013**  
**At 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois**

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

**II. PRESENT**

Chairman Lynne Sered; Board Members Gilbert O'Brien and Michael Prueter; Executive Director Victor Blackwell; General Counsel Helen Higgins; Special Counsel John Brosnan; staff members Colleen Harvey, Ellen Strizak and Susan Willenborg; extern Danielle Stevens; and observers Adam Daukus, John Heintz, Takina Morris, Jack Murphy and Bob 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 Member Michael Smith, with prior approval, participated via telephone conference call due to illness.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JANUARY 24, 2013**

Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2013 meeting. Member O'Brien moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 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 and General Counsel Helen Higgins presented a memorandum recommending that the unfair labor practice charge be dismissed. After discussion, the Board recommended that an Opinion and Order be drafted in accordance with the recommendation.

2. **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 draft Opinion and Order directing that an election be conducted in the proposed bargaining unit. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the draft. Member Ettinger so moved, and Member O'Brien seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to issue the draft Opinion and Order, by a voice vote.

3. **Maine Township High School District 207/Kirley**  
**Case No. 2012-CA-0055-C**

Chairman Sered called the case. Associate General Counsel Ellen Strizak presented a draft Opinion and Order affirming the Executive Director's Recommended Decision and Order dismissing the unfair labor practice charge. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion to approve the draft. The motion was made and seconded. The Board voted unanimously to issue the draft Opinion and Order, by a voice vote.

4. **Service Employees International Union, Local 73/Kindle**  
**Case No. 2012-CB-0024-C**

**Service Employees International Union, Local 73/DeVille**  
**Case No. 2012-CB-0021-C**  
**City Colleges of Chicago/DeVille**  
**Case No. 2012-CA-0080-C**

**Chicago Board of Education/Queen-Thomas**  
**Case No. 2012-CA-0045-C**

Chairman Sered called the cases. These were unappealed 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 O'Brien 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 and Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy presented an update on budget and fiscal matters, which included a discussion of FY 2013 expenditures and the FY 2014 budget. Fiscal Officer Handy noted that the IELRB had relinquished the agency vehicle.

**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. PROPOSED RULES CHANGES**

Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg discussed proposed drafts of First Notice documents. After discussion, Chairman Sered called for a motion to authorize Associate General Counsel Willenborg to file the First Notice documents with the Secretary of State. Member Prueter so moved, and Member Ettinger seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to authorize Associate General Counsel Willenborg to file the proposed First Notice documents with the Secretary of State, by a voice vote.

**IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Colleen Harvey presented a legislative update.

**X. LITIGATION UPDATE**

General Counsel Helen Higgins presented a litigation update.

**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 O'Brien 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 Ettinger so moved, and Member O'Brien 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 MARCH 2013.**