

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

**Minutes of the Meeting held on March 19, 2015**  
**At One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois**

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

**II. PRESENT**

Staff members Cindy Handy and Matthew Nagy, and observer Kim Trader were present. Chairman Lynne Sered, Board Member Gilbert O'Brien, Executive Director Victor Blackwell, Special Counsel John Brosnan, staff member Susan Willenborg, and observer Bob Shaevel participated via videoconference from Chicago, Illinois. General Counsel Helen Higgins participated via teleconference.

**III. BUDGET AND FISCAL**

Fiscal Officer Cindy Handy and Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented an update on budget and fiscal matters, which included a discussion of FY 2015 expenditures and the FY 2016 budget. Chairman Sered noted that Executive Director Victor Blackwell and Special Counsel John Brosnan had been conducting interviews in order to fill the Administrative Law Judge position recently vacated by a staff resignation.

**IV. STRIKE REPORT**

Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented a strike report.

**V. CASE STATUS REPORT**

Executive Director Victor Blackwell presented a case status report.

**VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Chairman Sered presented a legislative update.

**VII. LITIGATION UPDATE**

Associate General Counsel Susan Willenborg presented a litigation update.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the Board's return from closed session, Chairman Sered called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member O'Brien so moved, and Chairman Sered 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 16h DAY OF APRIL 2015.**