

Approved January 27, 2025

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD

Meeting Date: August 1, 2024 at 10:00 am

Meeting Location: Department of Labor Relations, Lafayette City Center, 2 Avenue de Lafayette, Boston, MA 02111-1750

Present: Chair Marjorie Wittner, Members Kelly Strong and Victoria Caldwell; Chief Counsel Lan Kantany

Chair Marjorie Wittner called the duly posted public meeting to order at 10:08 am in the Department of Labor Relations conference room. Original posting and agenda can be found at <http://www.mass.gov/dlr>.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Agenda items:

- Review of minutes of December 14, 2023 meeting.
 - Motion made by Member Strong to accept the draft minutes as amended.
 - Seconded by Member Caldwell.
 - Vote of 3-0 (Wittner, Strong, Caldwell) to approve the motion.
- Review of CERB Docket and Transition Plans for Chair Wittner's Upcoming Retirement.
 - Discussion of open matters.
 - Seven appeals of Investigators' dismissals pending, three have been discussed and four remain (two of these are consolidated)
 - Three appeals of hearing officer decision pending which have been discussed; no new appeals have been filed.
 - 13 open CAS decisions, nine of which have been reassigned; some awaiting responses to show cause letters.
 - CAS Training for staff to be conducted via Webex on August 14 at 10 am.
- Recognition of Susan Atwater upon her retirement as Chief Hearing Officer and appreciation for her service to the agency since 1988. Her knowledge and editing skills will be greatly missed by the CERB.
- Thank you to Chair Marjorie Wittner for her years of service to the agency and her exemplary leadership of the CERB since its inception.
- Adjournment.
 - Motion to adjourn made by Chair Wittner, seconded by Member Strong. All members (Wittner, Strong, Caldwell) voted to adjourn at approximately 10:30 am.