

State of Connecticut Employees' Review Board
April 5, 2017 Minutes

1. Call to Order- 9:05 AM; Present: Matt Borrelli, Jon Fitzgerald, Manny Psarakis, Victor Schoen.
2. Approval of February 8, 2017 Minutes-Mr. Fitzgerald moved the minutes be adopted. Mr. Schoen seconded. The minutes of February 8, 2017 were adopted unanimously.
3. Case updates (*indicates Presiding Officer)
 - (a) Appeal of Carla Martin (Psarakis*, Fitzgerald, Schoen) – Decision issued. Psarakis to prepare head note and ensure that it is indexed properly on ERB Website.
 - (b) Appeal of Linda Lukin (Beizer*, Psarakis, Schoen) – The hearing is complete. Briefs are to be filed.
 - (c) Appeal of Pekah Wallace (Schoen*, Borrelli, Beizer) - Hearing is scheduled for May 15. Beizer has replaced Williamson.
 - (d) Appeal of Vanessa Alvarez (Schoen*, Borrelli, Psarakis) – Third hearing is scheduled for April 20.
 - (e) Appeal of James Mindek (Schoen* Borrelli, Beizer) – The hearing is scheduled for May 11 and May 17. Schoen appointed Presiding Officer. Beizer replaced Fitzgerald who recused himself from the case.
4. Administrative (Motions)
 - (a) Psarakis moved to elect a Board Quorum consisting of Board Members Schoen, Fitzgerald and Borrelli to act in lieu of vacant Board Chairperson position until such time as a Board Chairperson is appointed in accordance with State Statute. Borrelli seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
 - (b) It was moved and seconded and voted unanimously by the Board Quorum that the following Members of the Board be assigned as Panel Members to the following cases as noted:
 - (1) Laura Morris and Office of Health Advocate- Psarakis as Presiding Officer, Borrelli and Beizer.
 - (2) Valerie Wzyzkowski and Office of Health Care Advocate – Psarakis as Presiding Officer Borrelli, Beizer.
 - (3) Jonathan Best and Department of Public Health – Fitzgerald as Presiding Officer, Borrelli and Schoen.
 - (c) It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously by The Board Quorum that Schoen be authorized to “sign off” on invoices to be submitted to the DAS for payment by the State.

(d) It was moved, seconded and voted unanimously by The Board Quorum that Schoen be authorized to appoint Panel Members to cases that arise between regularly scheduled meetings of the Employees' Review Board.

5. Remarks

The Members of the Board discussed budget deficiencies for the fiscal year 2016-2017, and budget matters for fiscal year 2017-2018. The Members also discussed issues regarding the ERB website. The Members discussed legal matters with attorney Joshua Scollins, Staff Counsel, DAS.

6. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

7. The next scheduled meeting is June 6, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Victor Schoen