

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EMPLOYEE REVIEW BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021.

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Members in Attendance

Dennis C. Murphy, Chair  
David B. Beizer  
Matthew Borelli  
Jon P. FitzGerald  
Susan E. Halperin  
Emanuel Psarakis  
Victor Schoen  
Linda Shackett-Blue-Staff

Meeting was called to order at 11:00.

Minutes of meeting of APRIL 12, 2021 were approved. Moved by Beizer, seconded by Schoen.

A report was made of all outstanding cases.

A report was made concerning the Governor's order that 50% of staff report to work in person, and that at the DAS offices, everyone is required to wear a mask in all public spaces and the elevator, but not at employee work stations. The cafeteria is open for use, but there is no food service. DAS is in process of installing vending machines.

Discussion was had concerning whether the Board should continue to hold hearings virtually or in person.

Psarakis made the following motion:

That our notice to the parties should state that While the pandemic is ongoing, we prefer that all cases be held virtually.

The motion was approved 6-1, with Beizer voting no.

Halperin moved that the notice should continue to state that a party or both parties may request that the hearing be held in person.

The motion was approved 5-2, with Psarkis and Schoen voting no.

The notice language will state:

“The Panel members have a preference that the hearing be held virtually via Zoom. A party may request that the hearing be held in person. Should the hearing be held in person, anyone who has not been vaccinated against Covid-19 will be required to wear a mask. The Panel reserves the right to require disclosure of proof of vaccination. And if in person, only one witness will be allowed in the hearing room at the same time.”

This language will require final approval at the Board’s next regular or special meeting called for that purpose. Until then, staff will request clarification from the Office of Labor Relations as to the virtual versus in person hearing directives they have received.

All were requested to file any billing for the month of June as soon as possible prior to the end of the month, which is the end of the budget year.

Meeting adjourned Psarakis moved to adjourn at 11:58.