

Public Employee Relations Board
Public Meeting – VIRTUAL – December 18, 2024
Noon

Present: Board Members H. Cooperman, R. Steyer, J. Rivlin & L. Ohman. Board staff E. Snipes, W. Suggs, C. Franzoni

Acting Chair Erica Snipes opened the meeting at noon.

MINUTES

1. Approve minutes from 11.20.24 meeting
Moved: H. Cooperman
Seconded: J. Rivlin
Approved without objection.
2. Updates
 - a. Appointment of PERB Chair:
E. Snipes stated that Lafe Solomon has been appointed as PERB Chair and would begin working on January 8, 2025.
 - b. Status of search for new Deputy Director:
E. Snipes indicated that PERB was interviewing candidates and planned to make an offer in the next week.
 - c. PERB Website: The website is live:
laborboard.maryland.gov
E. Snipes stated that there had been some technical difficulties getting the new site to load. She confirmed with Information Technology that most direct way for users to access the new site is to enter “laborboard.maryland.gov”, not preceded by “www”.

- d. Legislative Report: PERB Proposed Legislative Changes
 - (1) House of Delegates – E. Snipes indicated that Chair Barnes will sponsor PERB legislation before the House Appropriates Committee.
 - (2) Senate – E. Snipes indicated that it was likely that a cross-filed bill will go before the Finance Committee in the Senate, as that is where labor bills traditionally are introduced. The committee assignment will be confirmed once a senator offers to sponsor the legislation.
- e. Next public meeting: Friday January 10, IN PERSON
E. Snipes indicated that incoming Chair Solomon will preside at the next meeting.
- f. No additional updates or information were provided by any Board members.

3. Question & Answer

None given

4. Adjournment

E. Snipes asked for a motion to adjourn at approximately 12:15p.m.

Moved: H. Cooperman

Seconded: L. Ohman

Approved without objection.

PERB meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:15p.m..