

Maryland Public Employee Relations Board
Public Meeting – VIRTUAL – April 9, 2025
1:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: L. Solomon, H. Cooperman, J. Rivlin, L. Ohman,
R. Steyer

Board Staff Present: E. Snipes, C. Franzoni, W. Suggs, N. Coffing

Chair Solomon opened meeting at 1:03pm

1. Approve minutes from 3.12.25 meeting

Moved: J. Rivlin

Seconded: H. Cooperman

Approved without objection.

2. Updates/New Business

- a. Legislative Report – as needed

- (1) PERB proposed legislation
Updates on status of this bill

Executive Director Snipes indicated that the PERB legislation had passed in both House and Senate, and was ready for Governor's signature at one of the upcoming bill signing dates in April or May. It will go into effect on October 1, 2025.

- (2) Legislation – impacting PERB
Update on status of these bills.

Only HB 599 passed – not on the original list of bills provided to Board members, but this bill is an arbitration bill for just BWI Firefighters. Executive Director explained the differences from the larger arbitration bill (no constitutional amendment needed, within the first 21 days of appointing an arbitrator – if needed

– in an impasse matter, that arbitrator acts as a mediator and tries to settle the impasse case)

b. PERB Regulations – as needed

(1) Status of proposals

Will be published in the April 18 Register for 30 days, after which, provided no submitted comments that result in substantive changes to the regulations (and provided the Board doesn't make any substantive changes for any other reason) will be ready for final adoption before the close of May and in effect by the beginning of June.

c. Next public meeting:

There will be a public meeting in May, with the date and format yet to be decided. The meeting details will be posted when resolved.

3. Question & Answer

None

Motion to Adjourn – Cooperman

2nd – Rivlin

No Objection

Board meeting adjourned at approximately 1:10 p.m..